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Brendan Haley, energy co-ordinator at the Ecology Action Centre, stands in front of Nova Scotia Power's Tuft's Cove smokestacks. He says it's a mistake for the premier to say no to carbon taxes. More coverage, page 10.

Premier leery of carbon tax

MacDonald says levy would significantly impact Nova Scotians

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Premier Rodney MacDonald is "not a fan" of carbon taxes.

"If it's something that's going to add pressure to Nova Scotians, we're not going to do it," he said yesterday after cabinet.

Federal Liberal Leader Stephane Dion yesterday introduced a "green shift" energy plan that would see carbon taxes levied to corporations and individuals across the country in return for income tax cuts.

MacDonald said yesterday Nova Scotia relies so heavily on fossil fuels, a carbon tax would significantly impact the cost of daily living.

He said Dion's plan would penalize Nova Scotia for its reliance on fossil fuels.

"If he wants to truly look after the country, he must have forgotten about Nova Scotia," he said.

Brendan Haley, energy co-ordinator with the Ecology Action Centre, said if not carbon taxes, what steps will the government take to reduce emissions and encourage Nova Scotians to be more environmentally responsible?

"The real danger for Nova Scotia is continuing to remain dependent on the fossil fuels that are causing pollution and are increasing price dramatically," he said.

Environment Minister Mark Parent has been talking about the possibility of carbon taxes for several months, saying "everything's on the table" when it comes to the province's Climate Change Action Plan to be introduced in the fall.

But yesterday he changed his tune.

"A carbon tax is still part of the discussion, but as I said, it is increasingly, at the time of rising fuel prices, looking like a very difficult sell," he said.

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The crippled submarine HMCS Chicoutimi, right, ties alongside her sister ship, HMCS Corner Brook, at Canadian Forces Base Halifax, Feb. 4, 2005. The Chicoutimi was crippled by a fatal fire off the coast of Ireland on Oct. 5, 2004, resulting in the death of Lt. Chris Saunders.

Cancer 'highly unlikely'

Chicoutimi fire report details risk from 'toxic soup'

By **JENNIFER TAPLIN**
Metro Halifax

For five days HMCS Chicoutimi crew members breathed in soot from a nasty fire, and Wednesday night they learned just what they were exposed to.

Lt. Chris Saunders died from inhaling the "toxic soup" of smoke the fire belched out on Oct. 5, 2004. And for the five days it took for the Chicoutimi to be towed to Scotland, most of the crew had to live and breathe in that environment.

Fast forward four years later to Wednesday night's meeting at CFB Halifax where sailors and their spouses were given the results from a detailed analysis of the chemicals in the air. It took so long because of a backlog at the National Research Council, and when completed, the results were picked apart by a number of experts.

The report says burning of cancer-causing substances in the glue used in the hull insulation was minimal. In fact, the report states the burning of Peridite and Sigmacover Pitakote were no more toxic than the smoke from other items like mattresses and papers.

The report explains the possibility of the crew getting cancer due to the toxin is "highly unlikely."

"There was a very small area (of the glue) — about one square foot — and paper thin," said Navy spokesman Cmdr. Jeff Agnew.

"There were no concerns expressed (at the meeting) about that."

But indeed the smoke was dangerous and took just a few minutes of inhalation to cause serious injury. But Agnew said if the crew didn't develop symptoms within the first three to six months, the chances are "slim to none" they'd ever come down with anything.

Sixty-six recommendations came out of a board of inquiry on the fire, 89 per cent of which have been implemented. But would Saunders had lived and others not been injured if these recommendations were in place in 2004?

"I don't know," Agnew said. "But the aim of the implementation of those recommendations is to mitigate the chances of something like that ever happening again."

No sailors wished to speak to the media after the meeting.

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by the numbers

- 31 of the 56 surviving crew members attended the meeting at CFB Halifax Wednesday night.
- 25 per cent of the crew aren't in the military any more.
- 28 crew members are receiving benefits from Veteran Affairs because of respiratory or post-traumatic stress from the fire.
- Two crew members' applications for benefits were denied.

Ship involved in fatal blaze set to be back online in 2010

- Oct. 4, 2004 — HMCS Chicoutimi sails from Faslane, Scotland.
- Oct. 5, 2004 — Wave pours into an open conning tower, and two hours later a fire starts. Nine crew members show signs of smoke inhalation.
- Oct. 6, 2004 — Three injured crew members flown to Ireland where Lt. Chris Saunder dies.
- Oct. 8, 2004 — Navy assembles board of inquiry.
- Oct. 10, 2004 — Chicoutimi towed to Faslane.
- Feb. 1, 2005 — Chicoutimi returns to Halifax
- Dec. 17, 2004 — Board's final report and recommendations released. Board finds the event "couldn't have been predicted."
- June 18, 2008 — Sailors and their spouses are briefed on the findings of the toxicology report of the fire.
- 2010 — Chicoutimi expected to be back online.

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Free of exams, Daniel Callahan spent yesterday doing tricks on his bike at the Halifax Common.

Summer: Rain or shine

Season's here, even if you don't trust the weather

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

In case you didn't notice, it's summertime.

As of 9 p.m. today, the summer season will officially be upon us. According to weather reports, Mother Nature plans to recognize this change with sunny weather today, then cruelly cast it aside tomorrow with clouds and rain.

Summer rain.

Yesterday started out grey and cloudy but the sun came out later, leaving some Nova Scotians with skepticism about whether summer weather is really here for good.

"I'm 68-years-old and I never, ever trust Nova Scotia weather," said one local man with scorn.

Summer scorn.

The man, who calls himself "Library Bill," could be seen outside the Spring Garden Road library yesterday wearing a sweater and heavy jacket.

"It's getting nice now so I can take my coat off. But I keep mine with me so I can wear it. If you don't have it you can't put it on," said Library Bill.

Others were more enthusiastic. Like the group of Citadel High students riding their bikes in the Halifax Common yesterday.

"It felt like summer yesterday after exams were over," said Chris Gilmour.

"No it didn't, it was raining," argued Kyle Martell.

"I don't care. As soon as exams are over, summer has started," said Gilmour.

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N.S., HRM share $800K fire tab

Costs planned for, says premier

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

The province will absorb much of the cost of fighting the wildfire that ate up sections of HRM this week.

"It's the type of thing that we plan for," said Premier Rodney MacDonald yesterday.

The Department of Natural Resources estimated Wednesday that the cost of department fire crews, water bombers from other provinces and equipment to fight the fire that began a week ago in the Porters Lake/Lake Echo area, was about $800,000.

Candy Mountain

» RCMP are asking curious onlookers to refrain from visiting Candy Mountain Road to view the damage from the fire out of respect for the privacy of residents living in the area.

But Natural Resources Minister David Morse said yesterday the costs could be well over that amount once private, uninsurable damages are included.

The feds only offer disaster relief, on a limited basis, once the price tag surpasses $1 million.

Morse said HRM absorbed a good portion of the cost of fighting the fire with police services and the municipality's fire services.

Now that the fire has been snuffed out, Morse said his department is working on a "post-mortem"

They've encouraged private woodlot owners to clear out trees that fell during hurricane Juan.

The problem of leftover debris wasn't so much the matchstick effect, but the barrier felled trees created for fire crews trying to reach the blaze, he said.

"A mountain goat would have a hard time getting over that topography," he said.

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Looking for a place to take in a few rays this summer? Here are a few sandy swaths around metro:

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- **CRYSTAL CRESCENT BEACH:** Three stretches of sand — and perhaps a few stretchmarks to boot. The third beach is clothing optional. Rte. 349.
- **LAWRENCETOWN BEACH:** Popular with surfers. Take Rte. 207 from Cole Harbour.
- **MARTINIQUE BEACH:** The endangered piping plover builds its nest on the beach. Hwy. 107 and Rte. 7 to Musquodoboit Harbour.
- **QUEENSLAND BEACH:** A place to see and be seen, it's full of tanned gals, tanned guys. Hwy. 103 to Exit 6, or take Rte. 3 out of Halifax.
- **RAINBOW HAVEN BEACH:** A sandy beach supervised during the summer. Take Bissett Road from Cole Harbour.

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N.S. agencies feeling pinch of rising fuel

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

School boards aren't the only government agencies asking for a boost from the province because of rising fuel costs.



Baker

"Health is obviously affected," said Finance Minister Michael Baker. "We have a lot of hospitals and health facilities to heat."

In addition, the transportation department, natural resources department and community services department are struggling to keep up with fuelling vehicles and heating and powering facilities and homes.

The Halifax Regional School Board recently came forward to ask Education Minister Karen Casey for $3 million more in funding to account for the rising costs of fuel and energy.

volatility

» "Frankly, at this point, there's so much volatility in the prices that it's very hard to know what they're going to stabilize at," Baker said.

Casey said yesterday she will meet with superintendents from the province's school boards today to discuss what their needs are and what the government is able to offer.

And a number of additional departments and agencies have come forward with concerns about their budgets as energy costs soar, Baker said.

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Victoria Road

Death of man not believed suspicious

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Gas costs to tame spending: Survey

Prices expected to shake consumer confidence

The skyrocketing price of gas means Atlantic Canadians will be keeping their wallets in their pockets more often this summer.

Corporate Research Associates' latest survey says high price of gas is the most important issue facing people in the region and it's shaking consumer confidence. Unemployment and health care were the biggest issues facing Atlantic Canadians three months ago.

"You're going to see in some categories — retail being one of them — a significant drop off in spending, especially for discretionary items ... like travel or leisure activities," president and CEO Don Mills said.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the gross domestic product, he added.

"It just ripples through the whole economy," Mills said.

"The big impact, I believe, won't come until the fall when people start to fill up their oil tanks and pay big money to heat their homes."

The survey says 25 per cent of Nova Scotians cite gas prices as the most important issue facing the residents of the region — that's 22 per cent more than three months ago.

Mill said the last time there was such a heightened concern about gas prices was the summer of 2005, when prices surpassed a loonie f or the first time.

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» **ASSAULT** Two men face charges of assault with a weapon after fighting each other with a tire iron and a crowbar. The men, aged 36 and 46, got into a dispute while in their cars in the 3700 block of Memorial Drive yesterday morning. The fight went from verbal to physical, with each wielding one of the weapons. The men knew each other and neither required medical attention.

» **ROBBERY** Jessy's Pizza in Dartmouth was robbed by two men armed with a gun just before midnight Wednesday. The men demanded cash, then fired the gun into the ceiling of the restaurant as they fled. No one was hurt in the robbery.

» **DRUGS** Police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia when they pulled over a car on Northwest Arm Drive Wednesday night. A 25-year-old Shad Bay man, who was a passenger, is scheduled to appear in court facing charges of possession of marijuana for the purposes of trafficking. The 22-year-old female driver from Halifax is charged with possessing marijuana.

» **COUNCIL** Andrea Hilchie-Pye announced she would run for a council seat in District 14 Connaught-Quinpool. The current project manager and Dublin Street resident has previously worked as a health consultant and legislative aide for the Texas House of Representatives.

» **INVESTMENT** A rural lumber mill will receive a government investment for working capital after modernizing operations. J.A. Turner & Sons, a 40-year-old family-owned business near Bridgewater, employs 15 people with an annual payroll of $375,000, annual sales of $1.8 million. The company will receive a $300,000 repayable loan through the Industrial Expansion Fund. The mill produces green lumber and specialty products from spruce, hemlock and pine.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Upgrades won't cause delays

Airport schedules to be unaffected by runway work

By **JENNIFER TAPLIN**
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An Air Transat jet taxies by one of the construction sites at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport yesterday. Crews are working on updating de-icing pads and will begin construction on the end of the main runway later this summer.

Summer construction can't be avoided, not even when you're flying.

Resurfacing the last third of the Halifax Stanfield International Airport's main runway is the big-ticket construction project this summer.

An airport spokesman said it will not impact operations, not even the air show slated for this fall.

Michael Healy told reporters yesterday air traffic will be heavy on the secondary runway between Aug. 18 to Sept. 30th.

"We're upgrading the last piece, the last third of that runway by milling, resurfacing and putting in wider, stabilized shoulders," he said.

They're also adding new lights.

The secondary strip was resurfaced in 2006 and is nicknamed the 'crosswinds' runway. Healy said if the winds blow really high it could cause some 'issues.'

"However we'll have our main runway open, it will just be a shorter length," he said.

And that's why they picked late summer-early fall for construction because of the least chance of fog and strong winds at that time of year.

The air show — canceled last year because of runway resurfacing — will operate with commercial traffic, but there will be no ground show this year.

Right now construction crews are improving de-icing pads, the apron (airplane parking space near the terminal), and a major taxiway to the runways. The life of runways is about 20 years and the airport is in the fourth year of six in the restoration program.

"This year's construction budget is approximately $14 million," he said.

Even with the uncertainty of what the Air Canada layoffs will mean for the airport, Healy said he predicts air traffic will be up this year.

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ATVs too dangerous for youths, IWK says

Province says youth program is 'sound investment'

The IWK Health Centre is weighing in on ATVs, saying children under 16 shouldn't drive them at all — despite the province's $230,000 program to train children on safe ATV use.

Robin Walker, vice-president of medicine at the region's largest children's hospital, said yesterday in a news release children shouldn't drive the machines because they require "adult skills and judgment."

> *« If it's an investment of safety for our young people, the government's willing to make it. »*
> *Premier Rodney MacDonald*

On Wednesday, the province announced it had bought 66 youth-sized ATVs and said it plans to send them around the province to help train ATV drivers between the ages of six and 15. The child-sized ATVs cost $230,000.

Walker called for legislation banning drivers under 16 from using the machines outright.

Premier Rodney MacDonald told reporters yesterday despite criticism, the machines were a sound investment.

"One of the commitments that we made in the plan around all terrain vehicles was to make sure that we provide proper training courses. You have to have the vehicles to do that," MacDonald said outside a cabinet meeting.

"If it's an investment of safety for our young people, the government's willing to make it."

The issue of children and young teens driving ATVs has been a political football for years. In 2005, the province banned children under 14 from riding anywhere but on closed courses, but doctors have always pushed for a total ban.

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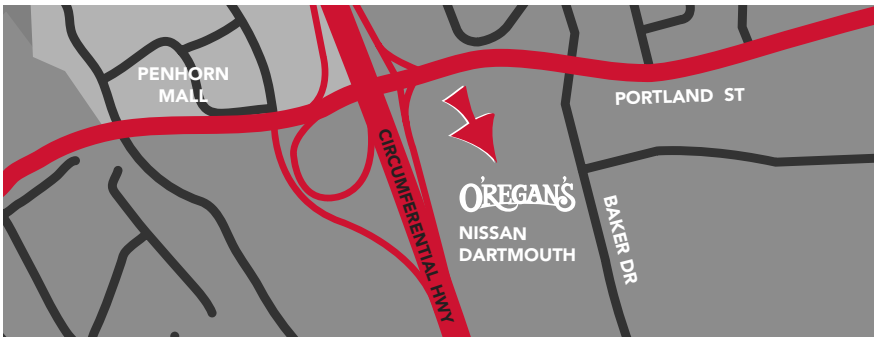
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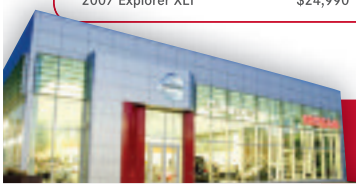
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Doc not shocked by inactivity study

90 per cent of kids not fit: Report

Truro's Dr. Barry Wheeler says he's not surprised by results of a new survey that found 90 per cent of Canadian children and youth aren't physically active enough.

The report, released earlier this week, found children aged 10 to 16 are typically spending six hours a day in front of some type of screen, which is the equivalent to 42 hours a week or more than a parent's full work week.

Throughout his 54-year medical career, Wheeler has long witnessed the ill effects that inactivity and obesity have on children's health.

"It gets worse as they get older. ... Up to Grade 6 they're probably not too bad. After that, it falls off a great deal."

diabetes

» Wheeler said local children are getting Type 2 diabetes, unseen 20 to 30 years ago, and hypertension because they're not active enough.

To help combat the growing levels of inactivity, Wheeler two years ago started an annual fun run for children. "A number of years ago I checked on the number of kids in Grade 12 (who were) actually taking the phys-ed program. Boys were 12 per cent, girls seven per cent. And I'm told it's really not." THE TRURO DAILY NEWS

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Swimming for Africans

Hamilton native hopes to raise $100K for farmers

By **LINDSAY JONES**
Metro Halifax

The warning sign about the bacteria didn't keep Kristen Roe from making a splash.

The 26-year-old Hamilton native plunged into the 10-degree waters off the Northwest Arm yesterday to launch her fundraising campaign in support of AIDS and farmers in Africa.

"That wasn't bad," Roe said, dripping with seawater after a short swim across the arm. "Aside from it being cold, it's nice water."

Roe said preliminary tests showed the water is clean.

A former competitive swimmer, Roe is training for a 30-kilometre swim across the Northumberland Strait and back next month to raise money for her cause and create what she calls "a ripple effect" in the community.

The water will be warmer than the Halifax Harbour — about 16 to 17-degrees — but the challenges will be greater. Roe said she might have to contend with hypothermia, weather, currents and changing tides.

Getting caught in a current or the tides, she says, is like swimming on a treadmill.

But the girl whose parents called her part fish since the age of four says she's up for the challenge.

"(It's) round trip," she laughs. "I don't have to pay the bridge fee."

Roe's goal is to raise $100,000 for The Stephen Lewis Foundation and Farmers Helping Farmers, and she's already a quarter of the way there.

"Both of those organizations really rely on community members to raise money," she said. "They don't get a lot of corporate sponsorships. It's not an easy sell to talk about AIDS in Africa (or) women in Africa, so they rely on people doing remarkable things to lead a campaign."

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LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Kristen Roe launched her campaign to raise money for AIDS and farmers in Africa yesterday with a dip in the Northwest Arm. Roe is training to swim across the Northumberland Strait over July 26 and 27.

fundraiser

» Kristen Roe's swim across the Northumberland Strait and back is July 26 and 27. She launches from Borden, PEI. There's a fundraiser at the Propellor Brewery on Gottingen Street from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight. Admission is $15.

Big day for three graduates

Adult education program hands out diplomas

Three women with 20-plus years experience trimming and packing fish and operating machinery are now discussing yearbooks and grad gowns as they prepare to receive their high school diplomas next week.

Mary Snook, 47, Dorothy Mahoney, 56, and Olive McIsaac, 64, all worked at Highland Fisheries in Glace Bay, which was later bought by Clearwater Fine Foods.

graduates

» The program, which began in 1996, has seen more than 600 graduates receive their high school diploma as of this year.

In 2006, after a union dispute, workers went on strike, were laid off or later locked out. In September that same year, the three women enrolled in the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board's adult education program.

"I wanted mine since I was 35, but I didn't want to leave a good paying job to do it," said Mahoney of her high school diploma. "So when the fish plant went on strike that was the time to do it."

Snook juggled school, work at a local confectionery shop and her housework and said at times she thought of giving up.

McIsaac, the class valedictorian, said it was attending a job interview and being told she needed a Grade 12 certificate that prompted her to head back to school.

The three fish plant workers will collect their diplomas today.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Marshall back in court July 31

Donald Marshall Jr. will be back in court July 31 to enter pleas to three counts of breaching court orders, two counts of uttering threats and a single count of assault.

The matter was adjourned during a brief court appearance by Marshall Thursday, to give the Canadian aboriginal icon time to approach Legal Aid for assistance on obtaining a lawyer.

Marshall was released from custody on condition in May after undergoing a 30-day psychiatric assessment.

The assault and two of the threat charges involve his wife. The other threat charge involves the former husband of Marshall's wife. Marshall Jr. is well known as the Mi'kmaq native convicted in 1971 for a murder he didn't commit. He spent 11 years in prison. THE CAPE BRETON POST

»news In Brief

» **UNION** Workers at Poly Cello have voted overwhelmingly against unionizing. Results released Thursday by both the company and Local 927 of the Teamsters indicate the vote was 86 per cent against certification with 152 votes opposed to joining the union and 24 in favour. Company president and CEO Stephen Emmerson said he was extremely proud of the respect and dignity that members of the Poly Cello family displayed during the decision-making process. METRO HALIFAX

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A Quebec court has overturned a father's decision to punish his 12-year-old for bad behaviour by forbiding her to go on a three-day class trip. The father is planning an appeal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dion unveils Liberal green plan



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Liberal Leader Stephane Dion acknowledges a standing ovation during an event announcing his party's carbon tax plan on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Carbon levies would be offset by income tax cuts

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion has launched the first round of the next election campaign with an ambitious strategy to fight global warming with hefty increases in energy costs coupled with Robin Hood-style tax rebates aimed at easing poverty.

Dion yesterday pledged that the $15.4 billion in new taxes on fossil fuel energy would be more than offset by tax cuts to individuals and corporations, including initiatives specifically aimed at helping lower-income households, like a new $350 child tax credit.

"We need to make the Canadian tax regime more progressive so that we help middle- and low-income Canadians be part of the solution to the climate change crisis," Dion said as he kicked off his "Green Shift" strategy.

"We Liberals also have a goal — to fight poverty. Our Green Shift will be especially targeted to decrease poverty with further emphasis on helping children in poverty," an upbeat Dion told an audience of Liberals MPs and party supporters, many sporting green ball caps for the environmental rollout on Parliament Hill

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carbon costs

» Under the Liberal plan, Canadians could expect to pay more to heat their homes, fill their barbecue propane tanks and even fly, as the new tax hits jet fuel. Dion figures his plan would cost the average family $250 a year.

»news In Brief

» **HOAX** The latest foot found on a B.C. beach is a hoax. Wednesday's finding was thought to be the sixth severed foot to wash ashore, but turned out to be an animal paw in a sock and dried seaweed, according to the B.C. Coroners Service. BCCS said the hoax is disrespectful to the families of missing persons by stirring inappropriate speculation and anxiety as it also wastes valuable investigative time. No further information has been released about the five other cases.

» **TORONTO** Police arrested more than 40 people at about 30 homes throughout the GTA this morning in a series of raids targeting an alleged drug and gun trafficking ring.

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A Canadian soldier keeps watch over the valley in the Arghandabd district of the southern city of Kandahar, where NATO-led forces cleared out Taliban militants yesterday.

Taliban are routed in largest battle in years

Afghan and mostly Canadian NATO-led forces killed or wounded hundreds of Taliban yesterday in an offensive to clear the militants from the outskirts of Kandahar city, the provincial governor said.

NATO confirmed in a statement issued in Kabul that Taliban fighters — including many believed to have escaped during a mass jail break last week — had been routed from positions among the orchards and farms of Arghandab district, northwest of Kandahar city.

Afghan soldiers and NATO's International Security Assistance Force attacked enemy positions, having used helicopter gunships at the start of one of the biggest battles in Afghanistan in recent years.

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nafta

Brodie denies he is source of leak

POLITICS Stephen Harper remains "furious to this day" about the leak of a memo that was politically damaging to Barack Obama's presidential primary campaign, says Ian Brodie, Harper's chief of staff.

But Brodie, publicly pegged as the initial source of a leak on the subject in February, told a Commons committee yesterday he does not recall discussing with reporters the free-trade positions of either Obama or Hillary Clinton.



Brodie

A CTV news report, picked up by American news organizations, said Canadian officials had been assured in private that anti-free trade talk by Clinton and Obama was just campaign rhetoric.

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Khadr war crimes trial set for October

Omar Khadr will go on trial before the Guantanamo prison camp's war crimes court on Oct. 8 on charges of murdering a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan, a judge said yesterday.

But Khadr's trial date is "not set in stone" and is dependent on prosecutors turning over evidence as ordered, said the judge.

The trial date was set during a brief hearing at the U.S. naval base, marking the first time the Guantanamo court has convened since last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that Guantanamo prisoners have the right to contest their detention in federal courts.

Khadr, 21, is charged with killing U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer during a firefight at a suspected al Qaeda compound in 2002.

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Report targets child poverty

Good health is tied to basic needs being met

Reducing child poverty will benefit the health of all Canadians, the country's chief public health officer said in his first annual report.

"Every dollar spent in ensuring a healthy start in the early years will reduce the long-term costs associated with health care, addictions, crime, unemployment and welfare," Dr. David Butler-Jones wrote in his report on public health in Canada.

getting a good start

» The report said that to tackle child poverty, Canada should examine: income redistribution policies; healthy early learning and childhood development; and targeted interventions to support children in low-income families.

Tabled on Wednesday by MP Steven Fletcher, parliamentary secretary for health, the report highlights the role social, economic and environmental factors play in health.

"While some health challenges can be related to our genetic makeup, evidence shows that Canadians with adequate shelter, a safe and secure food supply, access to education, employment and sufficient income for basic needs adopt healthier behaviours and have better health," Butler-Jones wrote in the introduction. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

contest

Puck has dropped on jingle search

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The CBC, which recently lost the rights to its hugely popular Hockey Night in Canada theme song said on Thursday it will hold a contest to find a replacement.

The broadcaster said accepted entries will be posted on its website, where Canadians will rate and select the winning.anthem. **REUTERS**

Harper rules out major shuffle

Replacing Bernier will only require small changes: PM

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday ruled out a major cabinet reshuffle, saying he planned only to find a permanent replacement for the former foreign minister, who quit in a security scandal.

"I believe that most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios. I don't believe this is the time for major changes to cabinet," Harper told reporters in Huntsville, Ont.

"I see no need for a comprehensive overhaul now, although I would concede there is still a need to deal with the hole created by the departure of the former minister of foreign affairs and that will be dealt with in due course."

« I believe most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios. »

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Maxime Bernier quit as foreign minister last month after admitting he had left secret documents at the home of a former girlfriend who had ties to organized crime.

Top Harper aides subsequently told Reuters that any reshuffle would be minor.

Bernier's position has been temporarily filled by Trade Minister David Emerson.

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Pandas **UnBEARably cute**



VICTORIA HANDYSIDE/METRO EDMONTON

Edmonton Valley Zoo staffer Sandy Helliker will fill in as surrogate mom to this pair of red panda babies born at the zoo a month ago. The pair were separated from their mother because she was handling them too aggressively.

»news In Brief

» **ALTRUISM** The thinking that self-interest is all that motivates people economically is wrong and ignores the riches and efficiencies that could be had by tapping into their better instincts, a new paper in the journal Science says. Generous, civic-minded and altruistic motivations are very powerful, the paper's author, Samuel Bowles, said.

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world



Foul-mouthed British chef Gordon Ramsay, left, prompted Australia's parliament yesterday to push for tighter rules to protect viewers from swearing on television. REUTERS

Rape 'a military tactic'

UN looks at way to stop violence against women

survey

» UN officials have said the problem is currently worst in eastern Congo. But a recent survey of 2,000 women and girls in Liberia showed 75 per cent had been raped during the West African country's civil war.

UN Security Council nations demanded yesterday that warring governments and factions act to halt violence against women, saying rape was no longer just a by-product of war but a military tactic.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who chaired part of the session, told the council the world had now recognized that sexual violence during conflicts went beyond individual victims to affect nations' security and stability.

Echoed by a string of speakers, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the 15-nation council the problem had "reached unspeakable and pandemic proportions in some societies attempting to recover from conflict."

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cammaert, a former UN peacekeeping commander, told the meeting: "It has probably become more dangerous to be a woman than a soldier in an armed conflict."

Speakers identified former Yugoslavia, Sudan's Darfur region, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Liberia as conflict regions where deliberate sexual violence had occurred on a mass scale.

A U.S.-sponsored resolution set for a vote later in the day by the council called sexual violence "a tactic of war to humiliate, dominate, instill fear in, disperse and/or forcibly relocate civilian members of a community or ethnic group." REUTERS

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» **PROTEST** Belgian farmers, truckers and taxi drivers staged protests against soaring fuel prices on Wednesday, the latest in a series of demonstrations across Europe and Asia as oil has hit record highs on world markets. Hundreds of tractors clogged traffic as they converged on Brussels, while truckers and taxi drivers staged a go-slow on the city's inner ring road. The protests came a day before European Union leaders meet in the city to discuss how to tackle the high cost of oil.

» **ELECTION** Zimbabwe's run-off presidential election on June 27 is very unlikely to be free and fair, African nations said, and the United States called for a tougher international response to worsening pre-poll violence. Zimbabwe's Movement for Democratic Change opposition party said four of its youth members were found dead yesterday. REUTERS

Midwest **Flood disaster**



ERIC THAYER/REUTERS

Workers place sandbags on walls to hold back floodwaters in Clarksville, Miss., yesterday. U.S. President George W. Bush got a close-up view of damage from the worst Midwest flooding in 15 years yesterday as his administration promised funding from a multibillion-dollar disaster relief fund.

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U.S. lawmakers are trying to pass legislation to remove former South African president Nelson Mandela from a U.S. list of terrorists by his 90th birthday next month. Security measures passed by after the Sept. 11 attacks kept his ANC's "terrorist" label because it once used armed force as part of its campaign against apartheid. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **OIL RIG ATTACK** Militants in speedboats attacked Royal Dutch Shell's main offshore facility in Nigeria yesterday, cutting the country's oil output by a tenth and raising fears of a new terrorist campaign against deepwater oil installations.

» **NUCLEAR PROPOSAL** Iran said yesterday it was ready to negotiate over a new package of economic incentives put forward by major powers seeking to persuade Tehran to curb its nuclear work. The Iranian Foreign Minister told a news conference that the six countries – the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany – should also take a serious look at Tehran's own proposals.

» **KENYAN PLEA** Africans must unite to demand an immediate end to Western trade barriers that are worsening the impact of a global food crisis on the world's poorest continent, Kenya said yesterday. Experts say poor harvests, high fuel costs and rising demand, especially from fast-growing Asian countries, mean one billion people worldwide are now threatened by hunger.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

China raises security

Claims to have uncovered Olympic plots

Beijing announced yesterday that a special force nearly 100,000 strong was already on alert for terrorists, reinforcing the impression security will dominate the last 50 days of preparations for the Olympics.

China has said terrorism is the biggest threat to the Games. It claims to have uncovered bomb plots and plans to kidnap athletes involving militants from the Uighur muslim minority in the far Western region of Xinjiang.

Rights activists accuse China of using terrorism as an excuse to crack down on internal dissent, in Xinjiang and Tibet in particular.

Last weekend, security forces, including the elite 300-strong Snow Wolf Commando Unit, completed a series of anti-terrorist drills called "Great Wall 5."

"Experiences of past Games show that terrorist attacks may occur before the Games so our anti-terrorist forces have been in action ahead of the opening ceremony," Liu Shaowu, security chief at the Beijing organizing committee, told Xinhua News Agency.

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Obama rejects public financing

Prepared to turn down $84M in public funds

Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday he would reject public financing of his campaign against Republican John McCain, reversing an earlier stance and positioning himself to outspend McCain in the White House race.

Obama said in a video message to supporters he would refuse $84 million in public funds available for the November general election. He is the first U.S. presidential candidate to bypass the system since it was created after the Watergate scandal in the mid-1970s.

The move drew immediate condemnation from McCain, who countered by announcing he would take the public funds — hours after saying he would re-evaluate his stance in light of Obama's decision.

If Obama had taken public financing, he would have been barred from taking additional donations and limited to spending $84 million in the two months between the Democratic convention and the Nov. 4 election.

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Denmark **Coffee time**



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Ane Cecilie Braaten from Norway prepares coffee at the World Barista Championship in Copenhagen yesterday.

French court suspends virgin marriage annulment

A French court overturned an order annulling the marriage of a Muslim woman accused of lying about being a virgin yesterday, pending a ruling on appeal expected in September. The decision adds a further twist to a case that has caused legal confusion and controversy in France.

The marriage was originally annulled last month after a court ruled that the woman had lied over what is called in French law an "essential quality," in this case her virginity.

It ruled that the marriage contract was therefore invalid.

That ruling was greeted with outrage by feminists and human rights activists shocked that virginity could be considered an "essential quality."

Some politicians said they were worried that conservative Muslim values were creeping into French law. The public prosecutor, acting under instructions from the justice ministry, appealed against the ruling, despite objections from the woman in the case, who wanted the marriage to be ended. Yesterday's ruling means that the marriage is once again in force until the appeal court rules on Sept. 22.

The appeals court could decide that the annulment order should not stand and force the couple to seek a divorce.

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» **OZONE CONVICTION** Two refrigeration engineers have been convicted by a New Zealand court for depleting the ozone layer. The country's Ministry for Economic Development prosecuted the two men in the first ever case taken under a 1996 law protecting the ozone layer. The pair released an ozone depleting substance, chlorodifluoromethane HCFC22, into the atmosphere as they were repairing a drinks chiller, and ignored a warning that it was hazardous. The Ministry said it took the case as a warning to industry. The two were convicted and fined NZ$750 each.

» **WHIZ KID** For the first time in her life, academic prodigy Alia Sabur is the same age as everyone in her class, but the teenager, billed as the world's youngest professors, is teaching her peers. U.S. citizen Sabur was named a full-time professor at Konkuk University in Seoul in February when she was 18, earning her an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's youngest professor.

» **WAR BUDGET** The U.S. House Thursday approved enough new money to wage wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for another year, while abandoning attempts to set deadlines opposed by President Bush for withdrawing American combat troops. But lawmakers were expected to reduce the funding level in a subsequent vote in order to make room for some other spending initiatives.

» **CARTOON SUIT** A Danish court of appeals on Thursday rejected a suit against Jyllands-Posten, the paper that first published cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad which sparked deadly protests in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The High Court for western Denmark based in Aarhus upheld the decision of a lower court last year that the paper and its editors had not meant to depict Muslims as criminals or terrorists.

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Big risks for cheap gas

U.S. motorists brave violence for Mexican fuel

U.S. motorists are risking rampant drug violence in Mexico to drive over the border and fill their tanks with cheap Mexican fuel, some even coming to blows over gas shortages and long queues.

The gap between Mexico's subsidized gasoline and record U.S. prices has made it well worth making the trip, and U.S. drivers are even shrugging off the dangers of Mexico's drug war which sees almost daily shootings in border towns.

Some say they can save up to $100 a month by filling up every two weeks in Mexico. The extra demand is causing shortages at hundreds of Mexico's border gas stations, some of which are starting to ration fuel.

"It's worth taking the risk even with the violence," said a retired California engineer named Terry, who declined to give his surname, as he filled his red Ford pick-up truck in Tijuana, over the border from San Diego.

"I know they could kill me or kidnap me, but the cost of filling my tank in the United States is just too much," he said.

Mexico's subsidized gasoline — around $1.40 cheaper per gallon than in the United States — is a huge draw as average U.S. pump prices hit an unprecedented $4 a gallon ($1.06 a liter). In West Coast cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles, prices are over $4.50 a gallon.

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Myanmar **Honouring a jailed activist**



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A Myanmar national living in Thailand lights a cake in front of a portrait of pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi outside the Myanmar embassy in Bangkok yesterday. A crowd of nearly two dozen activists demanded the release of Aung San Suu Kyi after lighting a cake in honour of her 63rd birthday outside the embassy.

Court rules former woman now male

Bahraini case thought to be first in Arab world

Once a woman, a Bahraini man has won his fight to be legally recognized as male and says that by being the first to publicly announce his transformation he has softened Arab society's rigid views on gender.

Formerly known as Zaineb, 34-year-old Hussein Rabei was the first Bahraini to go public with plans to change his sex, triggering condemnation from many Arabs who considered the procedure forbidden by Islam.

But after a flood of media reports attitudes have changed, said Rabei, and a court in the Gulf island kingdom of Bahrain this week ruled that he would be legally considered male.

"I am really excited and thankful for the ruling," Rabei told Reuters on Thursday.

"Peoples' attitudes have really changed, they have begun to understand after all the media coverage and the interviews. Society has changed a lot," he said.

Rabei was raised a girl after being born with genitalia that more closely resembled a vagina than a penis. Arab culture and its strict views on gender meant doctors ignored growing signs that Rabei may in fact be male, he said.

His is one of a range of relatively rare conditions in which there is a mismatch between the body's sexual genetic code and its physical make up. Instead of having two X chromosomes — the female pattern — he has an XY or male configuration.

After failing to consummate "her" marriage to a man, doctors advised pills to induce menstruation and surgery to open the hymen, disregarding Rabei's concerns that he may be male.

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Science scholarship fund: Toronto billionaire Seymour Schulich will be in Halifax today to set up a computer science scholarship fund and see the Dalhousie Computer Science Building renamed the Goldberg Computer Science Building. Schulich is a renowned Canadian business leader and philanthropist who has donated over $200 million to the cause of higher education in Canada. The Seymour Schulich Scholarship Fund will create two academic merit scholarships and two community service-based scholarships for first-year students entering computer science at Dalhousie. The value of the scholarships over a five-year period of study is $39,000, making them some of the most generous offered by Dal.

Donation for program: Global Maritimes announced yesterday that it will donate $280,000 to the Radio and Television Arts (RTA) program at Nova Scotia Community College's Waterfront Campus which officially named the RTA studio at Waterfront Campus the Global Maritimes Media Centre. The contribution will fund the purchase of new equipment over the next seven years. A portion of the total donation will be used to create an endowment that will fund an annual $1,000 RTA scholarship.

Namibia drilling underway: Etruscan Resources Inc. of Halifax, says drilling is underway at four places in northern Namibia, on Etruscan's Kamanjab Project. The drilling is targeting commodities, including gold, silver, base metals and rare earth elements.

Tourism delegation in town: Trade and tourism representatives from Maine were in Halifax on Wednesday to promote stronger business ties with Nova Scotia. Morning sessions at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax included presentations from the Maine Office of Tourism and from Maine law firm Eaton Peabody, which represents several Canadian clients doing business in the state. Figures from Statistics Canada show that exports from Nova Scotia to Maine have declined significantly in recent years.

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Changing **Digital mailbox**



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Ron Wiener, chief executive officer of Earth Class Mail, poses next to a mail box in Seattle, Wash. His company seeks to transform a mail box at a fixed location into a digital inbox, like e-mails, that can be accessed on the Internet.

Fired Nortel chief charged

Dunn, two top aides accused of criminal fraud

A former Nortel Networks chief executive and two of his lieutenants were charged yesterday with fraudulently misstating financial results as the telephone equipment maker struggled to right itself after the tech bubble burst in 2001.

Aside from ex-CEO Frank Dunn, who faces seven counts, former Chief Financial Officer Douglas Beatty, and Michael Gollogly, Nortel's former corporate controller, also face charges, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

The three were also accused of making false entries and omitting materials in Nortel's books.

The alleged fraud occurred after a meltdown in technology stocks that saw Nortel fall from its perch as an investor darling amid billions in losses and thousands of layoffs.

REUTERS

dunn's home

» Frank Dunn built a 10,800-square-foot, six-bedroom on a waterfront property in Oakville, Ont., he bought for $4.3 million cash in 2002, less than a year after he replaced John Roth as CEO. He sold the unfinished home in 2005 for $8,881,000. The asking price was originally $10.7 million. The sale went to a Royal Bank of Canada executive.

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May inflation rate leaps to 2.2%

DANGERS Canadian consumer prices rose 2.2 per cent in May, up from a 1.7 per cent increase in April, on higher gasoline prices. Prices rose 1.0 per cent in May from April, the single largest monthly rise since January 1991. REUTERS

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» **OIL** China unexpectedly raised retail gasoline and diesel prices by up to 18 per cent yesterday, sending oil prices tumbling as dealers bet it might slow demand growth from the world's second-largest oil user.

» **CLAIMS** An Ontario court did not deliver a ruling yesterday on $1.5 million in damage claims by General Motors of Canada against the Canadian Auto Workers union, and it is doubtful the company will pursue the matter further, a CAW official said. The only thing agreed to was that each party would pay their own court costs, said CAW Local 222 Chairman Keith Osborne.

» **FRAUD** More than 400 people have been charged in a U.S.-wide probe of mortgage fraud that involved about $1 billion in losses, the U.S. Justice Department said yesterday. REUTERS

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Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Carlos Zambrano, left, will miss his next scheduled start due to discomfort in his throwing shoulder, Cubs manager Lou Piniella said yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Germans romp into semis

Powerful Portugal suffers heartbreak

EURO2008

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger scored the first goal and set up two more as his team beat Portugal 3-2 in their Euro 2008 quarter-final yesterday.

Two goals in four minutes midway through the first half from Schweinsteiger and Miroslav Klose put them on top and captain Michael Ballack gave them a 3-1 lead just past the hour.

Nuno Gomes had pulled one back for the battling Portuguese just before halftime and substitute Helder Postiga put late pressure on the Germans when he made it 3-2 but they held on.

In the semifinal in Basel yesterday, Germany will meet the winners of today's match between Croatia and Turkey.

"I'm so happy we won," said Schweinsteiger. "We're in the top four and we've got the best team in my eyes. We saw we can play football, we can fight and German virtues are still there."



ALEXANDER HASSENSTEIN/GETTY IMAGES

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger celebrates with fans after scoring his team's opening goal against Portugal yesterday in a Euro 2008 quarter-final in Basel, Switzerland.

Germany coach Joachim Loew could only applaud his team from the stands after being banned for one match following a dispute with the fourth official in their last group game.

"We had a lot of courage today, had good combinations, moved well without the ball — all the things that we've done well in the past we did tonight," said Loew, who added that it was nerve-wracking sitting so far away from the action.

Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, in charge for the last time before taking over at Chelsea, added: "I leave with a clear conscience. I always did my best and today was no exception. I did the best I could, hoping the players would do the same." REUTERS

Jays set to clean house: Sources



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The Blue Jays will fire their general manager and/or manager within a week.

That was information forwarded to me yesterday by sources close to club owner **Ted Rogers**. They're fed up.

The Jays have lost five consecutive games and languish in the cellar of the AL East. Manager **John Gibbons** appears to have run out of answers and general manager **J.P. Ricciardi** appears to have run out of excuses.

Possible replacements for Gibbons: Jays third-base coach **Brian Butterfield** or ex-Oakland A's manager **Ken Macha**.

Possible replacement for Ricciardi: Former Jays president **Paul Beeston**, who's retired, lives in Toronto and never has been involved in on-field operations. But, hey, that won't necessarily make him any worse than Ricciardi.

» Ricciardi, incidentally, has foolishly initiated a bizarre war or words with, of all people, Cincinnati Reds outfielder **Adam Dunn**. For details, read my latest MLB Report at *www.metronews.ca*.

» Canada's national cricket team is about to receive a major boost, courtesy of your tax dollars.

The Canadian government will announce funding at a news conference this morning and, sources tell me, the team will pick up a nice chunk of cash. Mind you, any amount would be nice after what the team has received from the government in past decades — nothing.

Word is Scotiabank also will supply the team with between $200,000 and $300,000 through a sponsorship arrangement, another first for Canadian cricket.

At cricket's World Cup in Barbados last year, Canada won only one game. With significant finances behind it now, though, anticipate considerably better results at the next World Cup in India, in 2011.

» No NBA club is more active on the trade market, we're told, than the Raptors, who'll try to make a big splash before next Thursday's draft. They're dangling several players, none more aggressively than **T.J. Ford** ... The Denver Nuggets intend to deal ex-Raptors centre **Marcus Camby** and the $22-million US he has left on his contract.

For much more York Report, check out *www.metronews.ca*.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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» **MLB** The Seattle Mariners fired manager John McLaren yesterday, the latest management change for the team with Major League Baseball's worst record. The Mariners said bench coach Jim Riggleman would serve as manager for the rest of the season.

» **MLB** The Cleveland Indians acquired veteran catcher Sal Fasano yesterday from the Atlanta Braves for a player to be named later. The 36-year old backstop has made the rounds throughout his 10-year major league career, as the Indians mark the ninth club he's been a part of.

» **NBA** Memphis Grizzlies guard Juan Carlos Navarro signed a five-year contract agreeing to return to F.C. Barcelona in his native Spain yesterday, ending his tenure with the team, and the NBA, at one season.

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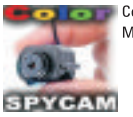


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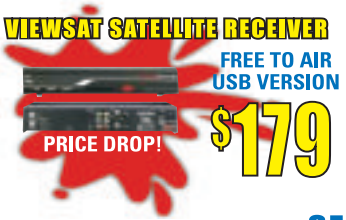
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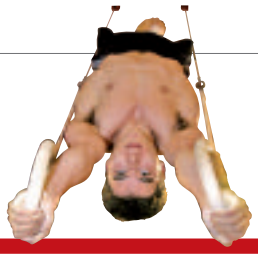
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Fall River's David Kikuchi, left, could earn a spot at the Beijing Olympics as early as this weekend. He is in an eight-man fight for six spots on Canada's artistic gymnastics team entering a qualifying event in Edmonton. METRO HALIFAX

Dunbrack stuns 2007 champs

Salty's watch two goal, first half lead dissolve

DUNBRACK 3 SALTY'S 2

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Halifax City Salty's head coach Carl Hayre stood on the sidelines at halftime, urging his girls not to let up.

"The game's not over," he repeated, as the defending Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership champs sat on a 2-0 cushion against Halifax Dunbrack at Huskies Stadium last night.

Maybe he saw it coming.

Hayre's troops blew a tire in the second half and Dunbrack stole early-season bragging rights from City with a 3-2 come-from-behind win on a misty and fog-filled evening.

With Dunbrack pouring it on in the second half, Kim Hardy scored pivotal goals two minutes apart early on and Tonya Huck netted the winner with less than eight minutes to go.

"We knew they were the hardest team we'll face, them and Dartmouth," said Huck, a 25-year-old from Hatchet Lake. "They're our toughest competition and we knew it would be a hard game. We knew we'd have to play well."

City entered the season as favourites, having recruited veteran star Mary Beth Bowie from Halifax Athens after the perennial champions folded in the off-season.

But Dunbrack, which added another former Athens star in Leanne Huck and former national under-20 team defender Katie Radchuck, proved last night it will be tight at the top.

Dunbrack and Dartmouth United are tied atop the Premiership with 4-1 records. City is a nondescript 1-1-1.

With Athens out of the league after winning four out of the past five banners, parity is the prevailing theme.

"The past few years, there was always one, two teams you knew would get to the final," Hayre said. "There are three or four teams that are going to compete for the honours this year."



RYAN TAPLIN FOR METRO HALIFAX

Halifax City Salty's player Melissa Gaudet, left, battles for the ball with Halifax Dunbrack's Andrea Sadowski during the first half of last night's game at Huskies Stadium.

Only a handful of Dunbrack's players didn't play for the Dalhousie Tigers at one time or another, and that built-in chemistry has been one reason for the team's quick start.

The connection to Dal is so strong that the team brought in Tigers women's head coach Jack Hutchison in the off-season, hopeful he could help guide the team to a title.

That familiarity makes the comeback kids as good a bet as any.

"It makes a big difference," Tonya Huck said. "We know how each other play, where people like to get the ball, and we all get along off the field. We fit really well."

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No name, no logo, goaltender wanted

Newest Jr. A team looks to make moves in draft

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Halifax's newest junior A hockey franchise doesn't have a name, a logo or team colours, but it does have a head coach and general manager heading into this weekend's draft.

The former Antigonish Bulldogs hired Bridgewater native Tyler Naugler yesterday to direct the franchise, less than 48 hours before they pick first overall in Saturday's Maritime Junior A Hockey League midget-aged draft in Amherst.

Naugler said he is ready to make the pick.

"They've given me more time than just the past 48 hours to prepare for this," Naugler said. "I've had discussions with ownership over the past few weeks leading up to this agreement, and I've been doing a lot to get ready."

Naugler's hiring is the new Halifax franchise's first major move since moving from Antigonish last month.

The 35-year-old has served as head coach of the South Shore major midget team for the past few seasons, earning the 2006-07 coach-of-the-year award. He said that background will serve him well when it comes to drafting and trading.

"I'm intimately familiar with hockey at this level," he said. "I've been around (these kids) for a number of years, so I'm familiar with the makeup of Atlantic Canada's talent."

Naugler was tight-lipped regarding who he'll draft No. 1 overall, but said he wants a local player who can make an immediate impact and "definitely won't be trading" the pick.

He'll also look to make trades to beef up a team that is expected to bring at least a handful of players from Antigonish.

"Our main goal is to go out and find a No. 1 goaltender who is a winner, a quarterback defenceman, and I want a 40-goal scorer," Naugler said. "That's our mandate."

They also has the first overall pick in the dispersal draft of players from the Charlottetown Abbies.

"We're going to have a successful draft and put together a team that will be noticed in our first year," he said.

Smith still looking for first win in Stock 100

Has led more laps than any driver

Wayne Smith of Timberlea takes his lead atop the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour into Saturday's Carquest Pro Stock 100 at Speedway 660 near Fredericton, N.B.



Smith

Smith, last year's third-place finisher, is still looking for his first win of the summer, but he has led for more laps than any of the 37 drivers through the tour's first two events.

Second-place Shawn Tucker from the home track will be hot on his heels, as will third-place Shawn Turple of Enfield and fourth-place Mike MacKenzie of Montague Gold Mines.

Turple captured the Lucas Oil 100 at Scotia Speedworld on May 24, while Tucker took the Ron MacGillivray 100 at Riverside International Speedway on June 7.

It's the third stop on the 11-race tour schedule. The tour returns to Scotia Speedworld on July 5 with the Forbes 150.

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motorsports

Nova Scotia pair kick it at Superbike

EVENTS Dartmouth's Terry Steeves will compete in the second race on the Parts Canada Superbike Championship series this weekend at Race City Motorsport Park in Calgary.

It's the second race of the seven-event circuit. Steeves placed 17th at the first event in Calbogie, Ont., on May 25.

Truro's Brian Blaauwendraat — who placed 13th in the season-opener — is also competing in Calgary.

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»sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Bridgewater's Adam Becker is the top seed for a pre-qualifying tennis tournament in Moncton this weekend that will advance one Atlantic Canadian to qualifying at an ATP Challenger that will also be held in Moncton from July 12 to 20. Halifax's Phil Anderson is the seeded second.

» **TENNIS** Bedford's Cameron Starratt is the top seed for the St. George's Open tennis tournament this weekend in Dartmouth. Halifax's Jamie Power is the No. 2 seed, with action beginning today and the championship set for Sunday. METRO HALIFAX

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Behind THE humour

"It's about what you think is funny, and that's really what I do," says Mike Myers of his new film, The Love Guru, which opens in theatres today. "A movie is supposed to take you somewhere you've never been before, and say to you, 'Come on in, the water's warm.'"

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COLDPLAY'S Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends better than X&Y, our reviewer says.

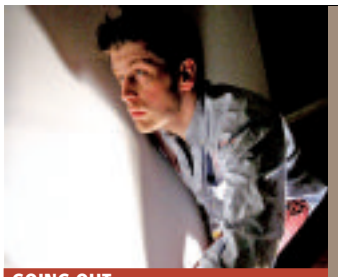
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Name these music terms



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The English language is an amazing thing, with around 750,000 words. But we haven't got around to finding names for everything just yet. For example, what do you call those chunks of snow gunk that build up in your car's wheel wells in the winter? Or that part of your golf swing where you realize that you're going to shank it a millisecond before the club strikes the ball?

About a year ago, I was working on a radio show that studied how various bands had come up with their names. However, this particular area of academia didn't have a name. While the study of words is called etymology and the investigation of name origins is known as onomatology, there was nothing that described the study of how, say, a group of Irish high school kids eventually became known as U2.

Looking to secure immortality by placing a word in the Oxford English Dictionary, I consulted Dr. Sheila Embleton, a professor of linguistics at York University in Toronto and a member of The American Name Society. Then I talked to Marc Hershon, who operates Simmer Branding in Sausalito, Calif., the guy who helped come up with the name "Swiffer" for Procter & Gamble. With their help, we came up with a name that satisfied our needs.

Hereafter, the study of the origins of the names of musical groups shall be known as bandomynology.

Since then, I've run across certain other music-related things which need names:

» The impatience that comes with the obligatory screaming and clapping between a performer's main set and the encore. Why do they make fans do that?

» The annoyance you feel when a band that's been your special secret suddenly becomes popular.

» The kind of person that still frequents record stores and actually buys CDs.

» Speaking of whom, we need a name for the feeling you get when you discover a CD or piece of vinyl that you've spent years searching for. Hardcore music collectors know exactly what I mean.

» People who insist on wearing gigantic studio-sized headphones while listening to their MP3 players in public. (If you're reading this on public transit, look around. You'll see at least one.)

» The sudden realization that you've just irretrievably lost all your music through a hard drive crash.

Any thoughts? E-mail me so we can enrich the English language with our, er, onomastic wisdom.



Alan wonders whether we need a name for the feeling you get when you discover a CD or piece of vinyl that you've spent years searching for.

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Local scene heats up



NIKKI'S HALIWOOD HEADLINES
NIKKI BALCH



Chad Hatcher dropped first album Tunnels And Pathways back in January.

I GOT TO spend last Friday morning cruising around Halifax and Dartmouth with local superstar Chad Hatcher, visiting some of his favourite places. He chose places like the site for Summer Rush 2008 — Alderney Landing and Musicstop. We stopped by to visit the students celebrating the last day of classes at Prince Andrew High School (where Chad graduated) and his favourite radio station-Z103.5! Chad was humble, outgoing and friendly as fans waited patiently for his autograph on CDs and T-shirts.

He dropped his first album, Tunnels And Pathways, back in January, but the hype surrounding his talent continues to escalate — and it all began right here in Halifax.

Fans of Chad Hatcher's music aren't the only ones who saw huge things for his future. Classified, the local rapper, producer, ECMA winner and recent MMVA nominee, invited Chad to collaborate for a couple of songs on his album Hitch Hikin' Music. Their combined talents could only mean one thing for Hali entertainment...it's heating up!

Chad Hatcher and Classified are both opening acts for Z103.5's Summer Rush 2008 with Nelly as the headliner. One of the most down-to-earth people I've ever met, Hatcher says that Summer Rush is his "biggest show to date".

Chad says a new single should be released soon. Check out Chad's latest single "Do it All Again" from his Tunnels And Pathways album, spinning on Z103.5 and MuchMusic.

Check out *summerrush.com* for more info on all of the Summer Rush 2008 lineup and ticket information.

Hear Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.

CD REVIEWS
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Wolf Parade

Album: At Mount Zoomer
Label: Sub Pop/Outside
Release Date: June 17



THREE YEARS AGO it was impossible to have a conversation about Canada's music scene without mentioning Wolf Parade. Expect the same for 2008. Wolf Parade's sophomore effort is a brilliant collection of catchy indie pop, complete with buzzing synths, bright guitars and complex arrangements. Thankfully, it's more measured than the band's first release — the vocals are more in control, the keys are less frantic, it's not as Modest Mouse-like — making this the best record of the year so far. BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Coldplay

Album: Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends
Label: Parlophone/EMI
Release Date: June 17



ACCORDING TO THE hype, the very life of the EMI Music empire rests on the success or failure of this album. Never fear. Despite the best efforts of producers Brian Eno (U2, Peter Gabriel) and Markus Dravs (Arcade Fire), this is still very much a Coldplay album. Better than X&Y, but not quite up to A Rush Of Blood To The Head. Another 10 million records will be sold, EMI will survive and Chris Martin will continue to be able to support children with funny names. GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Emmylou Harris

Album: All I Intended To Be
Label: Nonesuch/Warner
Release Date: June 10



THIS IS AN ALBUM that doesn't grip until the third track, Emmylou's self-penned traditional country croak, Broken Man's Lament. Then it all makes sense. Only Emmylou could turn diesel engines and crescent engines into things of beauty. Standouts include her take on Merle Haggard's Kern River and her collaboration with the McGarrigle sisters on Sailing Round The Room. GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Lil Wayne

Album: Tha Carter III
Label: Cash Money/Universal Motown
Release Date: June 10



THE "BEST RAPPER alive" proclamation on Let The Beat Build might be pushing it. "Most eccentric rapper alive" sounds more apropos, given that the third chapter in Wayne's Tha Carter trilogy is all over the map. Phone Home's alien persona and his wild physician m.o. on Dr. Carter stoop to cartoonish levels. His post-Hurricane Katrina ode Tie My Hands (featuring Robin Thicke) and, littered with Nina Simone-sampled bits of Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood, the oft-outspoken diatribe Don't Get It show off a powerful contemplative side. In between is an intricate puzzle that initially may infuriate but ultimately leaves little doubt His Weezy-ness got his own distinctive way of rhyming. IAN NATHANSON

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metro movies

The funniest joke may be the Leafs winning

The Love Guru
Stars Mike Myers, Jessica Alba
Director Marco Schnabel
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By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW HAND IT to Mike Myers. At least the guy can create an interesting character. In The Love Guru, Myers stars as Pitka, a self-help swami who hopes a high-profile case will land him a coveted spot on Oprah so he can overtake his life-long competitor Deepak Chopra as the number one guru in the world. That opportunity comes when he's enlisted by the Toronto Maple Leafs to help reconcile their star player with his ex-lover in order to end a goal-slump curse on the way to winning the Stanley Cup (and that is actually NOT intended as one of the jokes). Okay, nobody said Myers' movies were grounded in reality. Austin Powers certainly only had a modicum of believability, and like Powers, at least The Love Guru showcases Mike's ability to charm us with his quirky characters, even if they are all beginning to seem slightly too familiar. Mind you, there are some funny moments in The Love Guru. However, the most notable ones come courtesy of Stephen Colbert who makes a surprising appearance as a drugged-out sports commentator.

As for Myers, he shines more when he's performing a sitar version of Extreme's 1990 ballad More Than Words than he ever does ceaselessly dropping bad penis puns or making cracks about soiling himself. See, the genius of the Austin Powers movies was their clever ability to recycle gags; they worked because they were still within the context of Austin Powers. Transporting a lot of familiar jokes over to Guru just seems ... well, lazy. Toss in the fact that Myers even cast his diminutive Austin Powers co-star Vern Troyer so he could exploit a handful of midget jokes and it gets a bit much. On the other hand, I suppose it's nice to see Myers keeping Mini-Me employed.


Mike Myers as Pitka in The Love Guru, opening this weekend.

A promising start for Get Smart

Get Smart
Stars Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway
Director Peter Segal
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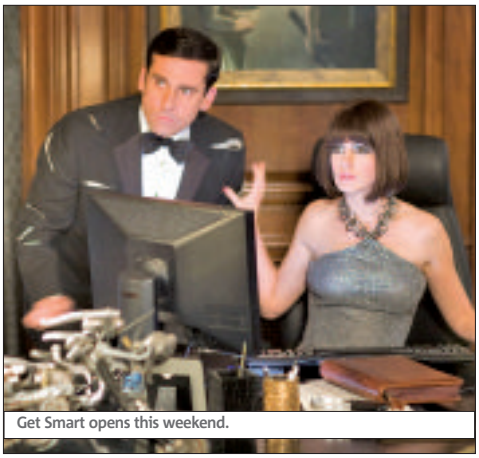
By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Halifax

REVIEW TO IMAGINE how badly the movie version of Get Smart might have turned out, one need only reflect with a wince on some recent spy movie parodies (Johnny English) or the lower points of Steve Carell's career (Evan Almighty).

Peter Segal's film manages to avoid either film's dismally unfunny effect, mostly by hewing closely to the spirit of the original TV series starring Don Adams, and by a happy accident of casting.

Carell takes over the role made famous by Adams — Maxwell Smart, the bumbling but cocksure secret agent who succeeds in spite of his best efforts. Anne Hathaway does a fine job with Agent 99, played by Barbara Feldon in the TV series, ably matching Feldon's innate sexiness; the only real flaw in Hathaway's portrayal is her inability to evoke the fetchingly neurotic quality Feldon brought to the role. It's in the supporting cast, however, that the film creates a sympathetic setting for Carell to make his Smart his own creature and not either a mimicry or a parody of Adams.

The movie teases out all the well-loved props and devices of the show with a coyness that's only occasionally maddening, while Carell noticeably undersells Adams' trademark lines such as "Missed it by that much." A sequel — broadly hinted at by Patrick Warburton's cameo near the end as Hymie the robot agent — will have to discover its own comic momentum if it wants to avoid turning a promising start into a pale tribute.


Get Smart opens this weekend.

movie morsels

DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN
★★★1/2 (out of 5)
Adam Sandler plays the title role in the film, a sort of Israeli James Bond with a secret dream of styling hair in New York City, who fakes his death and goes off to live his blow-dried, '80s-inspired dream. Sandler plays Zohan with an Israeli accent so painstakingly bad that it becomes its own joke, as does the film's barrage of Hebrew and Arab slang, most of it invented.

THE HAPPENING
★★
The very great problem with M. Night Shyamalan's films is that once he departs from the nameless dread so painstakingly created in their setup, they've lost most of their reason to exist. The film is a bit of a departure for the director, since he reveals the big premise early on, and not near the end, sparing the audience the eye-rolling revelations that made Signs and The Village so retroactively disappointing. Unfortunately, that means you can start rolling your eyes and giggling earlier, with the first film that makes itself the punch line to global warming's joke.

KUNG FU PANDA
★★★★
Kung Fu Panda introduces us to Po (Jack Black), a lazy panda who dreams of one day becoming a martial arts master. Kids will love watching a dumb panda fumbling around as he tries to save his village from destruction of a sinister snow leopard.



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Bringing the subject home

Mike Myers always wanted movie about his Leafs

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE YOU CAN take the man out of Toronto, but you can't take Toronto out of the man. It was a decidedly Canadian (more specifically Toronto-centric) flavour that actor Mike Myers gave to his latest comedy opus, The Love Guru.

The Saturday Night Live alumnus has always inserted shout-outs to Canada's largest city in previous work such as Wayne's World or his Austin Powers series, but this time his hometown was part of the story.

Filmed in part at the Air Canada Centre and Casa Loma, The Love Guru centres around Guru Pitka (Myers) a new-age self-help expert who has to rejuvenate the confidence of a Toronto Maple Leafs sniper (Romany Malco from the 40-Year-Old Virgin) in the midst of a bid for the Stanley Cup after his wife leaves him for his rival, well-endowed goaltender Jacques "Le Coq" Grande (Justin Timberlake).

For a work so steeped in Canadian culture, Myers isn't worried that international audiences won't be in on the joke.

"Thinking about what people get or don't get, no. It's about what you think is funny, and that's really what I do," says Myers, 45. "A movie is supposed to take you somewhere you've never been before, and say to you, 'Come on in, the water's warm.'"

> *« I was going to use this wonderful blessing I have to make stuff. For those who stay the course and believe, it will be a wonderful day. »*
>
> *Mike Myers*

Directed by Marco Schnabel (Myers has a history of working with first-timers), the movie is vintage Myers with its carefully crafted pelvic humour, grandiose dance numbers, and merciless teasing of Verne Troyer (who stars as the Leafs' irascible coach) set against a Bollywood backdrop. But he fashioned the story around one of his greatest fantasies, and the major reason for the movie: A Stanley Cup victory for the Leafs and an end to the 41-years-and-counting cup drought. He notes that at its heart, the film is his ode to Leaf Nation, wherever they may live.



Mike Myers' latest comedy The Love Guru puts a decidedly Toronto spin on new-age self-help.

"I, like the rest of Toronto, have been waiting patiently," says Myers, who was only 4 when the Leafs last hoisted the trophy in 1967.

"I figured, 'If you write it, they will come.' I wasn't going to wait for it to happen, I was going to use this wonderful blessing that I have of being able to make stuff. For those who stay the course and believe, it will be a wonderful day."

Wall-E a five-year labour of love for director

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE IT'S BEEN five years since Andrew Stanton's Finding Nemo, his last movie, hit the theatres. In the same amount of time a director working in live action could have made five more films, Stanton, one of Pixar's stable of name directors, has spent almost the whole time working on Wall-E, the studio's latest picture, a wildly labour-intensive period typical of how animated features are made, whether back in the golden age of Disney with cel animation, or today, with Pixar's state-of-the-art digital technology.

"I often say that directing animation is just like directing live action but in slow motion," Stanton tells Metro, looking back on the last five years. "You're dealing with human beings that are good at their craft; they all have the same jobs as on a live-action set, they just use a different tool to use that job, whether it's costumes, lighting effect, camerawork. And you don't have the luxury of getting together all at the same moment, saying 'action' and seeing it all come together."

"When you do live action, you do just as much planning, as much talk, just as many people, but then that moment happens on the same day — you shoot it, you're done. Spontaneity is king, and you go with it whether it's sunny or it's raining or whether you planned on clouds, and there's something very invigorating about spontaneity. There is not an ounce of spontaneity in making an animated picture, because it just takes so long. So the winning side of animation is that you have a godlike control of everything. You can basically tweak till the last second. You can go back to things you did two years ago and change it again, or tweak it a little more. You can be quite the perfectionist, and it would be great if you could do both."



RICK McGINNIS/METRO TORONTO

Andrew Stanton, director of Wall-E, says he looked at all kinds of robots, including a bomb-sniffing one, as research.

Pixar is famous for its research trips, where the heads of each department go out and collect the textures and movements and feel of the world where the film is set.

For Cars, they went out and toured old Route 66; for Ratatouille, it was a trip to Paris to sample the city's best restaurants. Wall-E is set on a future Earth covered with garbage, and in space, and neither place suggested any glamorous research trip, so Stanton admits he delayed his research in favour of spending a few months — his vacation time after Nemo — storyboarding the film at Pixar. Only after he'd gotten the green light did he go out and explore the look of the film.

"We went to dumps, we went to recycling centres," Stanton recalls.

"We looked at any kind of robot we could look at, even if it was the bomb-sniffing robot from the nearby police department. We did go to (NASA's) Jet Propulsion Laboratories and look at some of their rover designs. And we went on the Disney cruise line to see how the ships are run. It was a lot of hodgepodge stuff — there wasn't anything really that sexy about it. Cause so much of it was fantasy — you just have to make stuff up."

» Wall-E is in theatres next Friday.



Rapper-actress Queen Latifah, right, is suing the production company behind her The Perfect Holiday film, claiming she is yet to be paid $275,000 US for her appearance in the comedy. IMDB.COM

Actor Carell gets Smart

Would you believe ... actor didn't study Don Adams' role?

By **GLEN MILLER**
for Metro Halifax

FEATURE SO HOW DO you go about making a movie derived from an iconic Emmy-Award-winning series and not fall flat on your face like a Maxwell Smart tumble on the floor?

For the generation that grew up on the 1965-70 comedy series Get Smart, it's hallowed ground, but co-screenwriter Tom Astle and company felt totally comfortable indulging in an opportunity to score some points with the old generation of Get Smart fans — and make a film that stands on its own merit as a comedic action film that has romance, too.

"The reason the movie works in this time period is that the original series was done at a time during the Cold War, so there was paranoia in the air. I don't know if anybody has noticed, but there is a little paranoia in society in general now," Astle told Metro. "I think that's what makes it an appropriate time to do this movie now."

While the movie's braintrust knew they were obliged to pay homage to the original series, there was a conscious decision not to simply produce a direct steal from the series.

Steve Carell (The Office) had no intention of trying to emulate the legendary Don Adams who starred as Maxwell Smart, Agent 86. So, to prepare, there was no revisiting the old shows.

"I steered away from it because I didn't want to do an impression of Don Adams," Carell said at a press conference in L.A. "I figured there was no way to improve upon what he had done. And I thought the more I watched him, the more I would be inclined to do an impersonation because he was so good and so definitive in the role."

Get Smart, which opens in theatres today, has an abundance of stars to make it sellable: Carell, Anne Hathaway (Agent 99), Alan Arkin (the Chief), Terence Stamp (Siegfried), Dwayne Johnson (Agent 23), not to mention some other famous face cameos. In the film, Agent 86 and 99 must somehow thwart the plans of world domination by KAOS.

One major difference between the series and movie is that Smart is a newbie who serendipitously achieves his career goal to be an agent. And loving it.



GETTY IMAGES

Steve Carell stars as Maxwell Smart opposite Anne Hathaway's Agent 99 in the much-anticipated remake of the 1965-70 classic comedy series.

Historical turns chic

FEATURE FOR THOSE **READY** to move past the endless stream of dark dramas from fall 2007, get ready for a new barrage — from the 1960s, the 1940s and the 1780s.

Studios are preparing to unleash a hailstorm of period movies — in broad terms, films set in an era other than the current — in the fall, at times turning the multiplex circa 2008 into a veritable cinematic museum.

The films range from large studio productions (Clint Eastwood's 1920s missing-child drama Changeling and Baz Luhrmann's World War II epic Australia) to specialty releases (the midcentury Southern tale The Secret Life Of Bees and the 1960s Catholic-school drama Doubt).

They veer from costume dramas (the 18th century Keira Knightley quill-and-wig extravaganza The Duchess) to political sagas (Ron Howard's Frost/Nixon) to 1950s family dramas (the Sam Mendes-Leonardo DiCaprio collaboration Revolutionary Road) to biopics (Gus Van Sant's Milk) to yet more WWII throwbacks (Ed Zwick's Defiance, Mikael Hafstrom's Shanghai and Spike Lee's Miracle At St. Anna).

"It seems like Hollywood is merging with the History Channel," media critic Robert Thompson noted wryly.

Studios have a long tradition of producing movies set in previous eras, from epics like Ben-Hur to intimate stories like The Ice Storm. But the latest wave of period movies is notable for several reasons.

These movies are coming all at once — scores of pictures crammed into a period of just 10 or 12 weeks. The stakes and expectations for these movies also are higher because the overall number of fall specialty releases is expected to be down by as much as 25 per cent from the nearly 70 titles released last year.

And, maybe most critical, these period films are being released at a moment when questions linger from last season about whether the audience can find enough to identify with in fall releases.

That combination is enough to make some executives nervous.

"It's a lot of period movies, and it's going to be a question of who'll be able to connect," said one high-ranking arthouse-studio executive releasing a period film.

Nonetheless, development executives point to reasons why historical is suddenly fashionable despite the risks.

In a time when summer releases have trumped fall movies on spectacle, they say, it's a chance for films to chisel out a new niche. Boxoffice Mojo president Brandon Gray suggests that period pictures are in effect the fall's answer to the summer tentpole.

"A movie set in period can be a selling point because it transports you to another world without being a fantasy or relying on big special effects," he said.

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NEW RELEASES | THIS WEEK

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10:05

GET SMART (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-1-2:50-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:10-7:30-9:20-9:45-10:15

THE HAPPENING (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:25

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:25-1:10-3:20-4-6:40-7:05-9:35-10 Dolby Stereo Dig., Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:25-1:10-3:20-4-6:40-7:05-9:35-10

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:35-9:30

IRON MAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:05-10

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-7-9:10

THE LOVE GURU (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-1:40-2:40-4:20-6:50-7:15-9:10-9:30

SEX AND THE CITY (18) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:45

THE STRANGERS (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-3:50-6:40-9

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:30-3-6:30-9

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:30-10:15

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KUNG FU PANDA: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:10-9:20

OXFORD THEATRE

6408 Quinpool Rd.,
902-423-7488

YOUNG PEOPLE F...ING (18) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

PARK LANE

5657 Spring Garden Rd., 902-423-4860

GET SMART (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:40-9:20

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THE LOVE GURU (14) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7-9:40

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SEX AND THE CITY (18) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 12:45-4-7:20 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sat 7:20 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:45-4-7:20

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:20-9:10

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DARTMOUTH

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Stereo Fri 6:30-9:20 Stereo Sat 2-6:30-9:20 Stereo Sun 2-6-8:50 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20

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IRON MAN (PG) Stereo Fri 6:35-9:15 Stereo Sat 2:05-6:35-9:15 Stereo Sun 2:05-6:05-8:45 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:35-9:15

THE STRANGERS (14) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:55-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 2:25-6:55-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 2:25-6:25-8:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:55-9:05

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Stereo Fri 6:50-9 Stereo Sat 2:20-6:50-9 Stereo Sun 2:20-6:20-8:30 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:50-9

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (14) Stereo Fri 6:45-9:15 Stereo Sat 2:15-6:45-9:15 Stereo Sun 2:15-6:15-8:45 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15

DARTMOUTH CROSSING

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:25

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IRON MAN (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:35

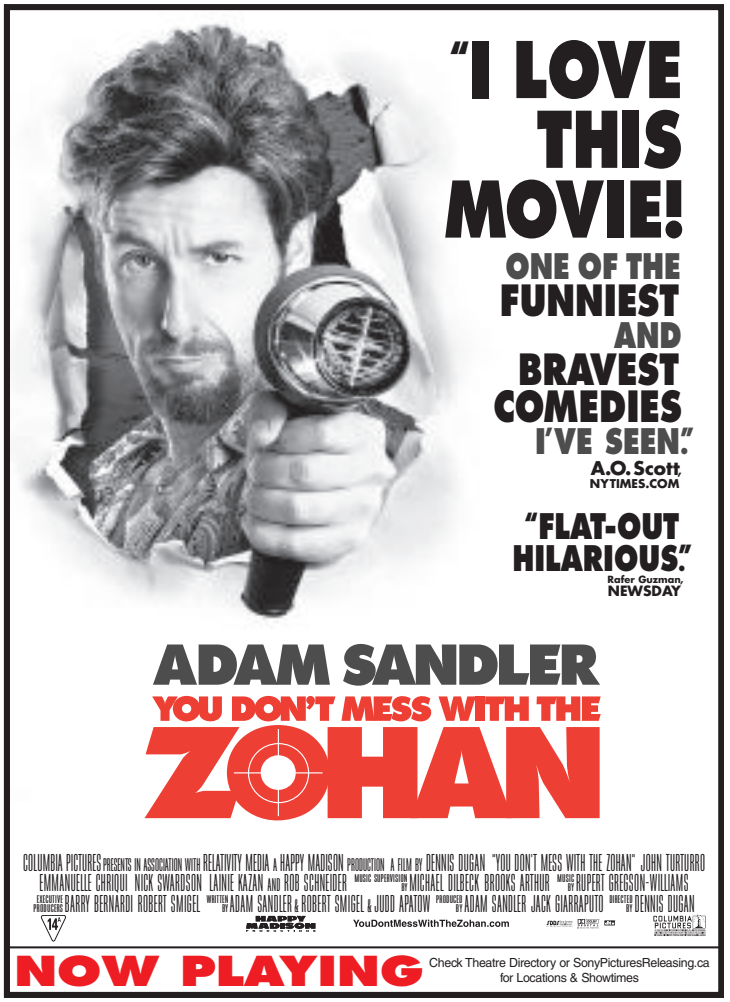
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THE LOVE GURU (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating, Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:30-7-9:30

SEX AND THE CITY (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:25-9:35

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tv watch



Madchen Amick, left, last seen in CBS' Viva Laughlin, will join the cast of Gossip Girl when the show returns on Sept. 1. She will play a sizzling temptress eyeing young Nate (Chace Crawford). EW.COM

Mars remake a saddening bore?

MARS ATTACKS: Bashing ABC's version of Life On Mars, the hit BBC time-travel police drama, is getting to be like self-abuse for me — I know it's probably wrong, and definitely far from productive, but it's a nice stress release, and I probably can't stop myself now, can I?

And right on cue comes a story on the U.K. Guardian's film and TV blog judging the show by its apparently-scrapped pilot — the one they made before original producer and showrunner David E. Kelley dropped out and the setting was changed from Los Angeles to New York in the '70s. James Donaghy, the paper's TV writer, calls it "pretty damn bad," with particular disapproval reserved for Jason O'Mara, the Irish actor who took the role of Sam Tyler, played by John Simm in the BBC original.

Donaghy calls O'Mara "an identikit beefcake of no notable ability," whose initial response to discovering that a car accident has rewound him back to 1972 is "as cliched as his blandly rugged mug. He shouts, he barges, his eyes pop. It's all quite tiresome."

He doesn't have much in the way of praise for Rachel Lefevre, who plays the love interest role of Annie Cartwright — a fellow police detective in the U.S. reworking, a lowly Women's Police Constable played memorably by Liz White in the original. She's a "swimwear model with a police badge who appears to have wandered into the building by mistake," and she and O'Mara share a "flatlining sexual chemistry." So far, so not good.



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The only apparently good choice made by the show's original producers was casting Colm Meaney as Gene Hunt, a role made memorable — frankly, it was the best thing about the show — by Philip Glenister in the BBC original. Any actor would relish the bombastic leeway Glenister carved out for Gene Hunt, and Meaney is certainly up for the challenge, but according to Donaghy the Hunt role in the ABC version is "criminally underwritten ... He feels like an afterthought. He needs to be rewritten with the understanding that he, not Sam, is the most important character in the show and that it lives or dies on his success. It is remarkable that the producers don't seem to have grasped this."

At this point, if this thing makes it to air I'll perform all of ABBA's Arrival album in a jumpsuit and blond wig.

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES: The observant will probably have noticed the new name that this column ran under as of this week, accompanied by the "kindler, gentler" photo.

I hope I can weather the change from idiot to intelligent with dignity. Metro has also launched a blog, where yours truly will try and fit in all the stuff that can't possibly make it into a daily column.

The web address is *metronews.typepad.com/intellivision/* — at least for the moment, though I'm told things might change. I'll keep you posted in case they do — happy reading.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 6/20/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	The 35th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards (Live)				MVP: Shoots
	7	7	7	ASN Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Supernatural (HDTV)		Jeff Ltd.
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Just-Gags	Air Farce	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Brutus"		NUMB3RS
	6	6	6	CIHF Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS "Brutus"		NUMB3RS "Killer Chat"		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Gossip Girl (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Without a Trace (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Planet of the Apes ★★ (2001, Science Fiction) Mark Wahlberg.				
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	2008 NHL Entry Draft From Kanata, Ont. (Live)						SportsCentre
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN First Talk	News	Rez Rides	renegadepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Being John Malkovich ★★★ (1999, Comedy)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Saint Monica ★★ (2002, Drama)			Beyond Words	Divas
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Extras
	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman		Bone Detectives		A Haunting
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Buy Me	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Selling Houses
	46	46	46	HIST Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Good Wives Club"		Lost Worlds		Final 24 "JFK Jr"		NCIS
	17	17	17	MM Punk'd	Video on Trial	2008 MuchMusic Video Awards				Wayne's World 2 ★★ (1993, Comedy)		
	206	206	206	PIX (6) Birdy (1984, Drama)		(8:10) Chain Reaction ★★ (1996, Action) Keanu Reeves.				The Nude Bomb ★★ (1980, Comedy)		
	39	39	39	SHOW Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE Three Takes		Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Birth Days (N)
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear (N)		Years Younger
	22	22	22	W Shopping Bags	House	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Extreme Celebrity Scandals		Step It Up & Dance		Oh So Cosmo
	27	27	27	YTV Prank Patrol	Endurance	Naruto: OVA		Naruto the Movie: Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow (2004)				Death Note

SATURDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 6/21/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wld News	Law & Order: SVU		Camp Rock (2008, Musical) (HDTV) Joe Jonas, Kevin Jonas. Premiere.				
	7	7	7	ASN Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis "Allies"		The Collector
	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Marketplace	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh.						About Schmidt
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		NCIS "Grace Period"		The Unit (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CIHF Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH W-FIVE		Luna: Spirit of the Whale (2007, Docudrama) (DVS)				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		U.S. Olympic Trials Women's Gymnastics. (HDTV)				Law Order: CI
sports	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score Update		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN NASCAR Racing: Nationwide		SportsCentre	Poker	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Camping World RV Rental 250.				
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E The Andromeda Strain (2008, Science Fiction) (HDTV) Benjamin Bratt, Eric McCormack, Ricky Schroder.								The Sopranos
	70	70	70	APTN Awards	The Mix	Winterlude: First Peoples		Aboriginal Day Live From Winnipeg. (Live)				
	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Chantal Kreviazuk Live		Three Super Stars, Live in Berlin Tenors, soprano.				Bravonews
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Demetri Martin
	18	18	18	CNN This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Naked Science (N)		Dirty Jobs "Cave Biologist"		Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel
	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Handyman Superstar		The Big Flip	The Big Flip	Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST Mob Stories		NCIS "Yankee White"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Donnie Brasco (1997, Crime Drama)		
	17	17	17	MM MuchMusic Video Awards		Wayne's World 2 ★★ (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers.				So You Think You Can Dance		
	206	206	206	PIX (5:40) The Natural (1984)		Bat 21 ★★★ (1988, Action) Gene Hackman, Danny Glover.				Romeo Must Die ★★ (2000, Action) Jet Li.		
	39	39	39	SHOW I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy) Erica Durance.				Night of Terror (2006, Suspense) Mitzi Kapture.				Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40	SLICE Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Party Mamas	The List	Superstar Hair Challenge		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Matchmaker
	21	21	21	TLC Your Place or Mine? (N)		My First Home	My First Home	Flip House	Flip House	Moving Up "Baby Steps"		Moving Up (N)
	22	22	22	W Hwd 10 Best	Practical Magic ★★ (1998, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman.					The Stepford Wives ★★ (2004, Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.

SUNDAY

	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 6/22/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
	7	7	7	ASN Kyle XY "Grounded"		Funniest Home Videos		Smallville "Action"		Cold Case "Sabotage"		Housewives
	11	11	11	CBC Heartland		How Do You Solve-Maria		Air India 182 (2008, Documentary)			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	
	32	32	32	CBS Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Sabotage"		Criminal Minds
	6	6	6	CIHF renegadepress	King of the Hill	The Unit (HDTV)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH Instant Star (N)	The Hills	Cold Case "Sabotage"		Million Dollar Password		Mad Men		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Cold Case		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	U.S. Olympic Trials Women's Gymnastics. (HDTV) (Live)				Dateline NBC		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN (4:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Toyota/SaveMart 350.					SportsCentre	Soccer: Euro 2008 Quarter. -- Teams TBA		
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E Two Coreys	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys
	70	70	70	APTN (5) Aboriginal Day Live		2008 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards			Creative Native	Smoke Signals ★★★ (1998, Comedy-Drama)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Museum Maestros		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Traveling Light		Traffic ★★★ (2000, Crime Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Celebrity	Comedy Net
	18	18	18	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC MythBusters		MegaWorld: Spain		Real Superhumans-Quest for the Future Fantastic				MythBusters
	34	48	48	HGTV Green Homes	Living With Ed	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST Metropolis "Athens"		NCIS "Hung Out to Dry"		Underworld Histories		Scarface ★★ (1983, Crime Drama)		
	17	17	17	MM America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance Top 18 finalists perform.					So You Think You Can Dance	
	206	206	206	PIX McHale's Navy	(7:45) Diamonds Are Forever ★★★ (1971, Action) Sean Connery.					Havana ★★ (1990, Romance) Robert Redford.		
	39	39	39	SHOW Fantastic Four	Billable Hours	Second Sight (2007, Drama) Lexa Doig, Ty Olsson.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Fantastic Four
	40	40	40	SLICE In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted "Melanie"		End of Leash	Newlywed	Biggest Loser Australia		
	21	21	21	TLC Can't Stop Growing		Man Whose Arms Exploded		Boy With the Frozen Bones		Boy Who Sees Through Sound		Boy New Head
	22	22	22	W Hwd 10 Best	Maxed Out	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Cheaters' Club ★★ (2006, Drama) Charisma Carpenter.				Good Naked
	27	27	27	YTV The Wizard of Oz ★★★★ (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan.					Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach "Lost"		Falcon Beach

Baby girl for Jamie Lynn

BRITNEY SPEARS' 17-year-old sister Jamie Lynn, star of Nickelodeon's popular TV show Zoey 101,' has given birth to a baby girl, People magazine reported yesterday.



Jamie Lynn

Jamie Lynn Spears gave birth to Maddie Briann yesterday morning at a hospital in Mississippi, the magazine said.

A high school student who lives in Louisiana, Jamie Lynn Spears reportedly met the father, Casey Aldridge, at church. The couple are engaged, People magazine said.

Jamie Lynn Spears' personal publicist was not immediately available for comment. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **SHOW** Wilmer Valderrama is back at Fox in a new comedy. The network has ordered a one-hour pilot for The Emancipation of Ernesto, in which the former star of That '70s Show plays an innocent man embarking on an epic quest to find his father amid a Los Angeles landscape polluted with excess. REUTERS

going out

DJ IV plays Key Largo's on Friday while Asia and NuGruv hit it on Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

festival

Francophone music hits metro


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ANNUAL To mark the start of summer, the local Francophone community is holding a day of music in metro tomorrow.

"Last year was the first time we had it in Halifax," said Mathilde Penin, who explains the festival has been held annually in more than 200 cities worldwide since it was started in 1982.

Among the performers taking part are El Viento Flamenco, Two Drink Minimum, Les Voix d'Acadie, Don Burke and Chloe Jones.

For a complete schedule of events, visit *www.af.ca/halifax*. DEAN LISK/METRO HALIFAX

»news
In Brief

» **CONCERTS** Pollstar — the concert reporting website — is reporting that Finger Eleven and Hedley will headline an outside show on Citadel Hill on Aug. 23. Both bands won big at the Much Music Video Awards last Sunday.

» **FILM** Four feature film outlines from Atlantic Canada are a step closer to making the move from page to screen. Chris Cuthbertson, Walter Forsyth, Scott Simpson and Rhonda Buckley will get to develop their scripts with screenwriter Noel Baker and then pitch their stories at the Atlantic Film Festival this September.

» **CHOIR** St. Andrew's Church will present the Toronto Children's Concert Choir and Performing Arts Company on Sunday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m.

METRO HALIFAX

Merging music and painting

Artist to paint to live DJs tonight

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

THERE IS A LOT going on around Peter Farmer when he is painting — beating music, buzzing crowds and blinking lights — but it doesn't faze him.

"It's great, there is so much drama and you get a rush as you go through the night," he said. "I find the best brush strokes are within the first couple hours."

Farmer will be putting brush to canvas at The Marquee Club tonight as part of Siren, a show melding art and hip-hop by Art Cabaret. The collective has held similar shows in Winnipeg and Montreal, and this is its Maritime debut.

"The more you go over a painting and break it down and build it up again, it loses that kinetic energy," said Farmer. "When you do it off the cuff, and you are flying, it ends up turning out quite good."

While Juno-nominated DJ — and Halifax native — Skratch Bastid and others are spinning, Farmer will be on a stage busily working on his painting of a semi-nude mermaid set against the backdrop of a cliff. A live model will be used.

facts and figures

» What: The Art Cabaret presents Siren, with Peter Farmer, Skratch Bastid, Ghettosocks, DJ Gordski, DJ Cosmo and DJ Kelkashowz
» Where: The Marquee Club
» When: Tonight, 10 p.m.
» Tickets: $10 in advance, $20 at the door. Visit *www.artcabaret.com.*

The Art Cabaret idea started around five years ago when the British-born Farmer was living in Winnipeg. Originally a graphics designer, he wanted to go to Europe and decided to sell some of his university-day paintings at his home. It worked, and he was soon on a flight across the Atlantic.

"I decided to keep doing it over and over again, but with more effort, bigger venues and more talented people around," said Farmer, who also lived in Newfoundland and spent time in Halifax.

Actually painting at the show was an idea that was suggested later in Montreal by a fellow artist. Farmer said events like Siren also take art out of the studio and out of the gallery, introducing it to a new audience.

"The galleries are great, and they play an important role, but it is not the only way people can enjoy art — and I don't think it ever should be."


PHOTO SUBMITTED

Artist Peter Farmer will be painting while DJs spin at tonight's Siren show at The Marquee Club.

Multicultural fest brings culture together

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

HE HAS BEEN to the festival nearly every year — both as a performer and a spectator.

"It's a family affair. I think it sets this festival apart from many of the others I have performed at across Canada," said Ed Matwawana of the group Afro Musica.

"My kids are 16 and 18 now, but I remember watching a video tape of the festival from 1998 and my son was five or six on the tape."

His band will again be among the performers at the 24th annual Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival, which takes place today through Sunday at Alderney Landing.

Festival spokesperson Deirdre Lee said the three-day event is full of dancing, music and food, with 30 cultures exhibiting. Highlights will include the debut of the Maritime Marionettes and a performance by Andru Branch & Halfway Tree.


Afro Musica is at the 24th annual Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival.

"It's the determination to have a festival of this kind in Nova Scotia. Besides Montreal, there really isn't a festival of this kind that exists in the region," said Lee.

She said it's a chance for different cultures to showoff their traditions.

"I like that it is a celebration of cultures, and what we do is complimentary to the festival and what it does," said Matwawana. "Because even though we just play African music, we do it what the idea and vision that we are sharing ourselves and our culture."

For a full list of events at this year's Multicultural Festival, and information on tickets and weekend passes, visit *www.multifest.ca.*


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Tom Forrestall, *House at River Bend,* (detail), 2007, Egg tempera on masonite, 78.5 x 78.5 cm, Private Collection, Ottawa, ON
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca



Mingling with Minglewood

Multiple ECMA-winner Matt Minglewood performs at the Shore Club on Hubbards Road this Saturday night at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 at the door.

my son's place

Open mic on Sunday, 223 Wyse Rd.



BAY LANDING: DJ Scott Free and DJ Electro on Saturday, 9:30 p.m. 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

BEARLY'S: Matchstick Mike and the Chain on Friday and Saturday. Strangeboys matinee on Saturday. Blues Jam with Brad Conrad on Sunday. 1269 Barrington St.

BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. Live music on Satrudays.4 Forest Hills.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. $4. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. $5. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: The Plugs on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

DAVE DOLITTLES: Karaoke with Mike Gough on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Cheryl Edgett on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

EMBASSY: House and trance on Friday. Top 40 and R & B on Saturday. 1661 Argyle St.

THE FIFE AND DRUM: Pickled Beets on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

FINBAR'S: Spyder Macdonald on Friday. Louis Benoit on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

FOGGY GOOGLE: The Chess Club, Laura Merriman and The Lonesome Travellers on Friday. 1667 Argyle St.

GINGER'S TAVERN: Jonathan Andrews on Friday. BBQ Kings on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.



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Flamenco dancer Maria Osende will be among the performers at the Multicultural Festival taking place at Alderney Landing this weekend. Visit *www.multifest.ca* for a schedule.

GUS' PUB: The Sorrys, Eugene Ripper, and American Eric on Friday. A/V, Glory Glory Man United, Ask The Ivory Tusks and Mark Black on Saturday. 2605 Agricola St.

HALIFAX ALEHOUSE: ALEHOUSE: The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday.

THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Rasta Gumbo on Friday and Saturday. Tony Quinn matinee on Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.

THE JOLLY MUG: Frank Lowe and SideKIXX Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: Wreckhouse on Friday and Saturday. Paul Lamb and Cory Tetford matinee on Friday and Saturday. Signal Hill on Sunday. Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Siren with Peter Farmer, Scratch Bastid and others on Friday. One Life Surf party on Saturday. 2037 Gottingen St.

MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Thursday and Sunday. 6100 Young St.

MONTES: Low Rider Band on Friday. Rock Show on Saturday. Dr. Hook on Sunday. Karaoke with Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.

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the red stag

High Tide on Friday and Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

Southern beach exposure

Southern Exposure, a series of works by local artist Sara Caracristi, is on display at Argyle Fine Art through July 7.



clubs

NENAGH BAR: Jaime Fontaine and Paul Tubb on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Chain and Anchor on Saturday. Special Blend on Sunday. 40 Wright Ave.
OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.
O'CARROLL'S: Jug In Hand on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.
OLD TRIANGLE: John Ferguson and Roger Stone on Friday and Saturday. Reel East matinee on Saturday. Gordon Tucker Band on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.
OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday, 4:30 p.m. 19 Norm Newman Dr.



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Alt-country band The Divorcees are playing at the Parkside Pub in Dartmouth on Saturday night.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: 2008 Halifax DMC Eliminations on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturdays. 1721 Brunswick St.
PARKSIDE PUB: Silent Thunder on Friday. The Keats on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.
THE PAVILLION: She's No Angel, Richard, Who Killed the Pageant Queen, Save September, and Searching for This on Friday, 6:30 p.m. $7. Kid Science, The Gypsies, Dancing With Knives and others on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. $7. 5816 Cogswell St.
PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday. Granville Mall.
POGUE FADO: Keith Andrews Republic on Friday and Saturday. Keith Andrews on Tuesday. 1581 Barrington St.
PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Shotgun on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.
THE RED FOX: Da Rock on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.
REFLECTIONS: Chuck Love on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. Diva Dance Night on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.
RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Fandango on Friday and Saturday. Montana on Sunday. 121 Ilsley Ave.
THE SEAHORSE: Tim Chiasson and Morning Fold, with Telfer and The MacGillivray Brothers on Friday. Magnus Haze with TELE and Nicknameless on Saturday. Music Nova Scotia night with Dave Carroll on Tuesday. 1659 Argyle St.
THE SPLIT CROW: Boys Next Door on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone matinee on Friday. High Tide on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.
STAYNER'S WHARF: Brett Ryan on Friday and Saturday. Jazz with Jeff Goodspeed on Sunday. 5075 George St.
TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. Alice Stops Time and Brite-Vu on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.
WINSTON'S: The Sled Dogs and DJ Paid Too Much on Friday and Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.



galleries

ANNA LEONOWENS: Caitlin Erskine-Smith: Obfuscation and Heather Freeman: Patterns of Life. Through June 21. 5163 Duke St.

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ARGYLE FINE ART: Within Sight of Shore by Luke Naylor. Through July 7. 1869 Upper Water St.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CORRIDOR GALLERY: Portraits And The Sea. 1113 Marginal Rd.

CRAIG GALLERY: Works by the Dartmouth Visual Arts Society. Through June 29. Alderney Landing.

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Ghosts in the Landscape, Vietnam Revisited. Zhari-Panjwai: Dispatches from Afghanistan. Through June 29. 6101 University Ave.

FRED GALLERY: Lynda Shalagan's Fragile Beauties. Through July 20. 2606 Agricola St.

GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE: Banana Installation. July 4. 1869 Granville St.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Michael Lewis: Holidays in the Sun. Through July 6. 5519 Young St.

THE KYBER: Aubrey Reeves: Dagbok. Through June 28. 1588 Barrington St.



Popular local band Gypsophilia will be among the groups performing at Shakespeare by the Sea's All That Jazz fundraiser at Niche Restaurant on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Works by Kyla Mallett. Through Aug. 10. 166 Bedford Hwy.

PAINTER'S PALETTE: Works by local painters. Dresden Row Market.

THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing The Artists Of Creative Spirit East. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Duet/ Trio/ Quartet by Andre Forster. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

SEEDS GALLERY: Works by various artists. 1892 Hollis St.

STUDIO 21: New sculptures and paintings by Wojtek Bicysko and Jerzy Kolacz. Through June 16. 1223 Lower Water St.

VIETH STREET GALLERY: Outsider art. Through June 30. 3115 Veith St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY: The Changing Face of China, by Anne Launcelott. Through June 29. 1272 Barrington St.

ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Historical paintings and drawings. Through June 26. 5415 Doyle St.

MARTIMINE MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Opens June 3. 1675 Lower Water St.

MUSEUM OF NATRUAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.

PIER 21: Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.



DARTMOUTH PLAYERS: The Spitfire Grill. Through June 28. Visit www.dartmouthplayers.ns.ca.

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NEPTUNE THEATRE: Jubilee Theatre presents Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf. June 26 through 28. Call 429-7070.

THEATRE ARTS GUILD: The Foursome by Norm Foster. June 26 through July 12. Visit www.tagtheatre.com. 6 Parkhill Rd.

events

ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE: Cirque Siana on June 27 and 28. D250 youth band competition on July 1. Visit www.easternfront.ns.ca or call 1-888-311-9090.

BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE: Drum! Sept. 12 through Oct. 12. Visit www.bellaroseartscentre.com.

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Howie Mandel on Saturday. Trooper on July 1. Naturally 7 on Julty 3 and 4. For tickets call 451-1221.

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DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Halifax Dance showcase on Saturday. Call 494-3820. 6101 University Ave.

HALIFAX METRO CENTRE: Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo on July 1 through 8. Call 451-1221. 1800 Argyle St.

HALIFAX MUSIC FESTIVAL: Live music at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Grand Parade and the Public Garden on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.af.ca/halifax for more information.

PIER 21: Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

SACKVILLE PATRIOT DAYS: Week of events marking Canada Day in the Sackville region from Wednesday through July 2. Visit www.patriotdays.ca.

YUK YUK'S: Nikki Payne on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.

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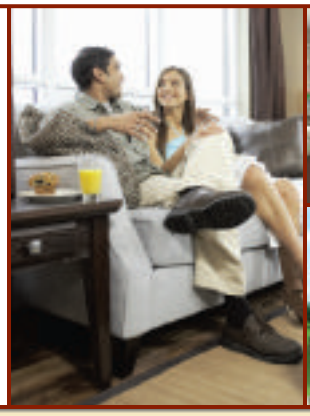
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Celebrity Buzz



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Jennifer vs. Jennifer?

Feuding beauties: Jennifer Aniston allegedly threatened to pull out of a magazine photo shoot if co-star Jennifer Connelly joined her on the front cover, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The actress had agreed to appear in a new issue of Marie Claire magazine to promote the movie He's Just Not That Into You but reportedly didn't want Connelly featured in the main photographs. However, Aniston was happy to pose alongside other female co-stars Drew Barrymore and Ginnifer Goodwin.

"She threatened to pull out if Jennifer was part of the cover. It was all about getting Jennifer Aniston front and centre and looking as sexy as possible," a source told Life And Style Weekly magazine.

Insiders on the movie set claim the two Jennifers didn't hit it off while working together. "There was no camaraderie between those two whatsoever. They didn't seem like friends in the slightest," a source said.

Aniston's representative has denied the story, insisting the two actresses became friends on the movie and the magazine requested she pose alone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

pregnant

Church expecting second child

FAMILY Singer Charlotte Church and her rugby player boyfriend are expecting their second child, the couple have announced on her website, *People.com* reports.

"Here we go again!!!" say Church, 22, and Gavin Henson, 26. The couple, who welcomed a daughter, Ruby Megan Henson, last September, are "delighted to announce that they are expecting another baby," the blog says. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Celebrity brief

ROMANCE Ashley Olsen and National Treasure actor Justin Bartha have gone public with their budding romance after attending a film screening in New York together earlier this week, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. "They huddled close together most of the night," a source tells the New York Post's gossip column Page Six. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Farrell sporting wedding ring

MARRIED? Colin Farrell has sparked speculation he is married after he was spotted wearing a wedding ring, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The actor was seen sporting a band on the ring finger of his left hand at Los Angeles' LAX airport, leading to claims he has tied the knot with girlfriend Muireann McDonnell, reports say.

"He didn't seem to be hiding the ring. Maybe he has finally found the girl he wants to settle down with," an onlooker said. Farrell met the student last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES



divorce

BITTER Heather Mills has removed all songs by ex-husband Sir Paul McCartney from her iPod, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The former model used to exercise to some of McCartney's greatest hits. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Kidman follows gardening path

HOBBIES Actress Nicole Kidman, whose first child with husband Keith Urban is due this summer, says that "the whole experience" of pregnancy "is so primal," *People.com* reports.

The mom-to-be, who turns 41 today, also opens up about her new hobby.

"... I have an organic vegetable garden," she says. "My mum's always (been gardening). My sister gardens. And I've now conformed to the Kidman women's hobby of gardening." METRO NEWS SERVICES



apology

DIVORCE Charlie Sheen is apologizing for a three-year-old voice mail that ex Denise Richards made public, usmagazine.com reports. The voicemail included a curse-filled rant to Richards. The actor said in a recently released statement, "I deeply apologize by my choice of words to all I have obviously offended..." METRO NEWS SERVICES



Nixon slams surgery rumours

DENIAL Sex And The City star Cynthia Nixon has laughed off reports she has gone under the knife in a bid to maintain her youthful looks, *imdb.com* reports.

According to the New York Post's gossip column Page Six, both Nixon and her co-star Kristin Davis checked into Roosevelt Hospital in the Big Apple separately earlier this month for minor surgical procedures.

"Cynthia had a breast augmentation and soon after, Kristin had the varicose veins on her legs removed," a source told the publication. But Nixon's spokesperson has denied the rumours. METRO NEWS SERVICES



precious pet

DEATH Tori Spelling just got a baby — but lost her dog, *tmz.com* reports.

The actress' pooch, Mimi LaRue, died Tuesday, reports People, after 11 years. "I'm devastated," says Spelling, who gave birth to a baby girl, Stella, earlier this month. "She was a star and a true lady, and she will be missed greatly." METRO NEWS SERVICES

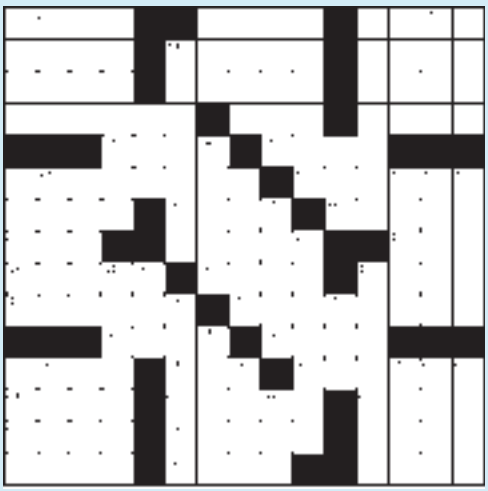


Lost's Lilly may marry co-star

NUPTIALS Evangeline Lilly and Dominic Monaghan are reportedly set to marry, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The actors — who split briefly earlier this year — are said to be planning a quiet ceremony in Hawaii, as a tribute to Lost, the hit TV show on which they met. METRO NEWS SERVICES





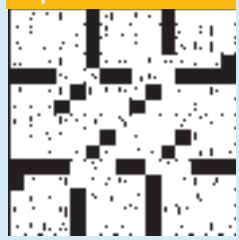
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1 Switch positions
2 Fishing gear
3 Gumshoe's assignment
4 Diplomat
5 — Paulo, Brazil
6 Popcorn buys
7 Old war story
8 Spite
9 Egg-laying mammals
10 Decoy
11 Sporty trucks
12 Main dish, often
14 Guess the outcome
20 Shock
24 Eavesdrop
26 TKO official
27 Sonnets
28 "Das Boot" craft (hyph.)
29 Because
30 Anwar of Egypt
32 Head dog
33 Look high and low
34 Concentrate
37 Byways
41 Shouting
44 Coat re taco
45 "— -la-la!"
47 Needed a bath
49 Buffalo hockey team
51 Dawn goddess
53 Shattered
55 Puppy noises
56 Malaria symptom
57 1899 gold-rush town
59 Tibet's setting
61 Verdi princess
62 Diamond or Armstrong
63 Tax
66 Rural lodging

across »

1 Killer whale
5 Follow the recipe
9 Deep purple
13 Great achievement
14 Abdul or Zahn
15 Sitar kin
16 Gala
17 Worm seeker
18 Field of study
19 Dirty politics
21 Marsupial pocket
22 Experiment
23 Bounders
25 Fishing boat
27 Bulletin board items
31 Dinner
35 Tony's cousin
36 Ember
38 Swipe
39 Untold centuries
40 Morning show
42 Taro-root paste
43 Port near Hong Kong
46 Square of glass
47 Rebuff
48 Dictation pros
50 Skier's turn
52 Melville captain
54 — -eyed
55 Masculine principle
58 Lingerie item
60 Cay
64 Mr. Stravinsky
65 Violinist's aid
67 "Instead of" word
68 Catamount
69 Scraping by
70 Touch up
71 Look as if
72 Yoko's son
73 Actress Tyne —

previous answer



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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Master yourself before making waves at work. You'll be more likable to others. Don't let someone's greed get in your way.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
You'll let idiocy loose by abandoning someone. Tough times come from inconsiderate behaviour. A whiny friend needs a therapist.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
An infatuation puts a sparkle in your eyes. A newbie should look for a hidden agenda. Create an unusual change for the better

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Protect yourself with a healthy diet plan. Your goodwill could result in success. Someone who is still starry-eyed goes away.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Be helpful to an old-fashioned woman. Contemptuous words will cause a shock. Someone isn't being clear about something.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Don't seem to be more aloof than you really are. A revelation will give you peace of mind. Avoid stubborn people who need time to think.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A faithful lover is coming your way. Help a friend over a rough patch. A debt will be repaid sooner than expected.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Have a meaningful chat with a wise person. Make new friendships with amazing people. You're ready to undertake a new task.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Your timing is highly rated. A sudden attraction will spark strong feelings. Patch up any misunderstandings

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
There'll be some enthusiasm for your idea. Don't be too indulgent when being flattered. A tired man will retire from a struggle.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A meeting will allow you some emotional freedom. You'll be in a funny predicament. Home is where your heart is tonight.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Speak evil of anybody and somebody will notice. Use your influence to make good changes. You'll have to give advice.

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

3	7	5	6	4	1	9	2	8
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7	6	2	1	5	3	8	4	9
9	8	3	4	7	2	6	5	1
4	5	1	8	9	6	7	3	2

This Day IN HISTORY

June 20, 1837: Queen Victoria succeeds to the British throne.

June 20, 1863: West Virginia is admitted as the 35th U.S. state.

June 20, 1877: Alexander Graham Bell installs world's first commercial telephone service in Hamilton, Ont.

June 20, 1948: Toast of the Town, later The Ed Sullivan Show, debuts.

June 20, 1990: Asteroid Eureka discovered.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly cloudy. 21°	Clear. 11°	60% Showers. 21°/14°	60% Showers. 20°/14°	40% Showers. 20°/15°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.5°
Low: 10.4°

Records
High: 29.4°/1953
Low: 5.6°/1944

Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.
Sunset: 9:02 p.m.
Moonset: 6:46 a.m.
Moonrise: 10:50 p.m.

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GL Sport model shown

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